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## U.S. Declares Accused Spies Won't Leave Posts in Paris

State Department Says Allegations in French Press Are 'Unwarranted'

WASHINGTON — The United States said Thursday that the American diplomats involved in a spy scandal in France would serve out their postings in Paris despite a French request that they be recalled.

France said Wednesday it had recommended that the five Americans involved, four of them diplomats, should leave. But Foreign Minister Alain Juppé said the recommendation did not amount to expulsion.

In Washington, the State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said: "Since our personnel have not specifically been requested to leave, they will follow the normal rotation."

A U.S. official said Wednesday, however, that one or two of the diplomats, who were due to leave in any case some time this spring, may be withdrawn earlier. "I would not rule out early rotation in some cases," he said.

The U.S. government has not responded in detail to the espionage charges although a State Department statement issued Wednesday evening said that what it called French press allegations were "unwarranted."

The statement also accused the French government of handling the matter in a manner "inconsistent with the approach that allies have taken to resolve sensitive matters in the past."

Asked whether the affair could be linked to the French presidential election in May, Miss Shelly told reporters: "I think it's possible."

A senior U.S. administration official, who asked not to be identified, said Thursday that Washington believed the French spy issue may die down now.

"The French have said what they have to say," said the official, who was traveling with President Bill Clinton to Canada. He added: "I get the feeling that the French would like to see the issue subside."

Noting that the Americans allegedly involved had not been declared persona non grata, he said: "It would have been unwarranted. That's not the way allies deal with each other."

Craig R. Whitney of The New York Times reported from Paris.

Mr. Juppé said Thursday that he was shocked that French accusations of economic espionage by the CIA station chief and four other Americans here had been leaked to the press.

"I am scandalized that a delicate problem between us — and this is not the first time that such a problem has arisen — could be dragged out into the open this way," Mr. Juppé said, calling for a thorough public inquiry into how the daily newspaper Le Monde had obtained government documents on the case.

If there were any doubt that the affair had more to do with the French presidential campaign than with any grave crisis between France and its oldest ally, Mr. Juppé dispelled it.

The foreign minister, who supports Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris in the race for president over Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, said: "There is no crisis whatsoever between France and the United States. We had no intention to go public on this affair." The clear implication was that somebody else did — the chief of the French counterintelligence service, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua.

Mr. Pasqua is the cabinet's leading supporter of Mr. Balladur, who used to be the front-runner in the race for the presidency but is now running neck and neck in public opinion polls with his fellow conservative Mr. Chirac and Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Party candidate.

One reason for Mr. Balladur's loss of momentum was the disclosure early this week that he had approved a telephone tapping operation recommended by Mr. Pasqua on grounds that later turned out to be legally insufficient.

If Mr. Pasqua was looking for a way to distract attention from the wiretapping scandal, casting the spotlight on the big power the French most love to hate — the United States — was perhaps the obvious course.

In any case, it was Mr. Pasqua who has held most of the strings in the investigation since 1993, and on Jan. 26 he took the unusual step of summoning Ambassador Pamela Harriman to his office.

Usually, it is the Foreign Ministry that deals with foreign diplomats, or the prime minister or the president. So, according to one American diplomat here, Mrs. Harriman thought Mr. Pasqua just wanted to clap eyes on her. "She went because she had no reason to think it was anything unusual," the diplomat said.

Instead, Mr. Pasqua told her that his

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A STRIKER'S JIG — A demonstrator dispersing tear gas cartridges in a confrontation with French police Thursday in the coastal city of Boulogne.

Striking French seamen's unions forced British ferries to divert to Belgian ports in a dispute over a company's use of non-European Union labor. Page 2.

## China Warns U.S. to Back Off on Rights or Face Break

By Patrick E. Tyler  
New York Times Service

BEIJING — China is threatening a new rupture in relations unless the United States backs away from a proposed United Nations resolution criticizing its human rights record.

The warning was made Wednesday by officials who summoned the U.S. ambassador to discuss the resolution, which has been raised and defeated repeatedly, with the United States as co-sponsor, at the annual meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission.

"They want us to drop this thing, and they are taking a very hard line," a Western diplomat here said.

The resolution, to be presented in Geneva next month, comes as some leaders here express the belief that Washington's China policy is taking a malevolent turn, with new emphasis on enhancing Taiwan's standing and increasing pressure on trade.

Adding to the increasing tension are other disputes and initiatives that have created a sense of conflicting policy goals.

This week, while Beijing and Washington remain locked in contentious trade negotiations to end what Washington calls

rampant copyright piracy in China, Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary is touring Beijing with corporate executives seeking power plant construction contracts.

If negotiations fail to win a Chinese commitment to enforce anti-piracy laws, Washington has threatened to impose 100 percent tariffs on \$1.08 billion in Chinese imports.

There are other grievances as well.

Chinese suspicions that the Clinton administration is planning a campaign to isolate Beijing have been heightened by reports that Jim Sasser, the former Demo-

cratic senator from Tennessee, will replace J. Stapleton Roy, a career diplomat who grew up in China, as ambassador.

The mention of Mr. Sasser's name has hardened some attitudes here because he has no background in Chinese affairs and because he joined members of Congress last year in nominating China's most famous dissident, Wei Jingsheng, for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr. Clinton pledged to press human rights concerns when he decided last May to separate American trade policy toward

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## Pakistan Frees 2 Christians Set to Hang for Blasphemy

By John Ward Anderson  
Washington Post Service

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A 14-year-old and his uncle who were sentenced to death for blasphemy in a case that prompted violent protests here and outrage throughout the world, were acquitted Thursday by a Pakistani high court.

Salamat Masih, 14, and his uncle Rehmat Masih, about 40, were found not guilty by a two-judge panel of the Lahore High Court. The ruling overturned a lower court verdict that condemned the two Christians for allegedly writing blasphemous remarks against the Prophet Mohammed.

Defense attorneys argued that Salamat Masih, who was 12 years old at the time of the alleged offense, and his uncle are both illiterate and unable to write, and thus could not have committed the crime. Blasphemy against Islam carries a mandatory death sentence in Pakistan.

In an event that made international headlines at the beginning of the first trial last year, Salamat and his uncle were shot and a third defendant was killed in an attack by religious fanatics who sprayed them with shotgun fire at a Lahore bus stop.

"We are happy and extremely relieved, and we're appreciative of the fact that we've been able to get justice from the courts here," said Hina Jilani, a defense attorney. She added that she was concerned about the safety of the two and had asked the government to guard them.

Government prosecutors said they would appeal the decision to the Pakistan Supreme Court. It is relatively unusual, however, for the high court to agree to hear an appeal of an acquittal, Miss Jilani said.

The case has been cited by human rights activists, government officials and intellectuals as evidence of rising Islamic fanaticism and growing intolerance toward religious minorities in Pakistan, where about 96 percent of the 126 million citizens are Muslim.

The case initially was used by the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto as a catalyst to liberalize the country's blasphemy laws, but the government abandoned the effort in the face of protests by Pakistan's powerful Muslim clergy.

A handful of people have been sentenced to death for blasphemy in Pakistan, but all the cases remain on appeal and no one has been executed.

Critics charge that the laws, which define blasphemy as anything that "by any imputation, innuendo or insinuation, directly or indirectly, defiles the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Mohammed," are abused by Muslim fundamentalists to harass Christians and other minorities.

Because of security concerns, Salamat and his uncle did not appear at the appeals trial, which started Feb. 15 and was disrupted almost daily by fundamentalists.

Muslim extremists rioted Thursday outside the courthouse, which was heavily protected by riot police armed with assault weapons. The police dispersed the mob, which smashed traffic lights.

## Killer Popcorn Takes Bite

Washington Post Service

Talk about a disaster popping up. Unfazed by big-screen mayhem and gore, the news last year that America's favorite movie snack is an X-rated health hazard has sent moviegoers screaming from the concession stands.

It has been a bitter kernel for U.S. theater owners to swallow.

Cineplex Odeon of Toronto, the United States' third-largest theater owner, on Wednesday blamed 43 percent of its \$14.2 million loss last year on eroding popcorn sales and the costs of trying to put some sizzle back in the chain's snacks.

Howard Lichtman, executive vice president of Cineplex Odeon, said the culprit was "The Great Popcorn Oil Spill."

A widely publicized study by the Wash-

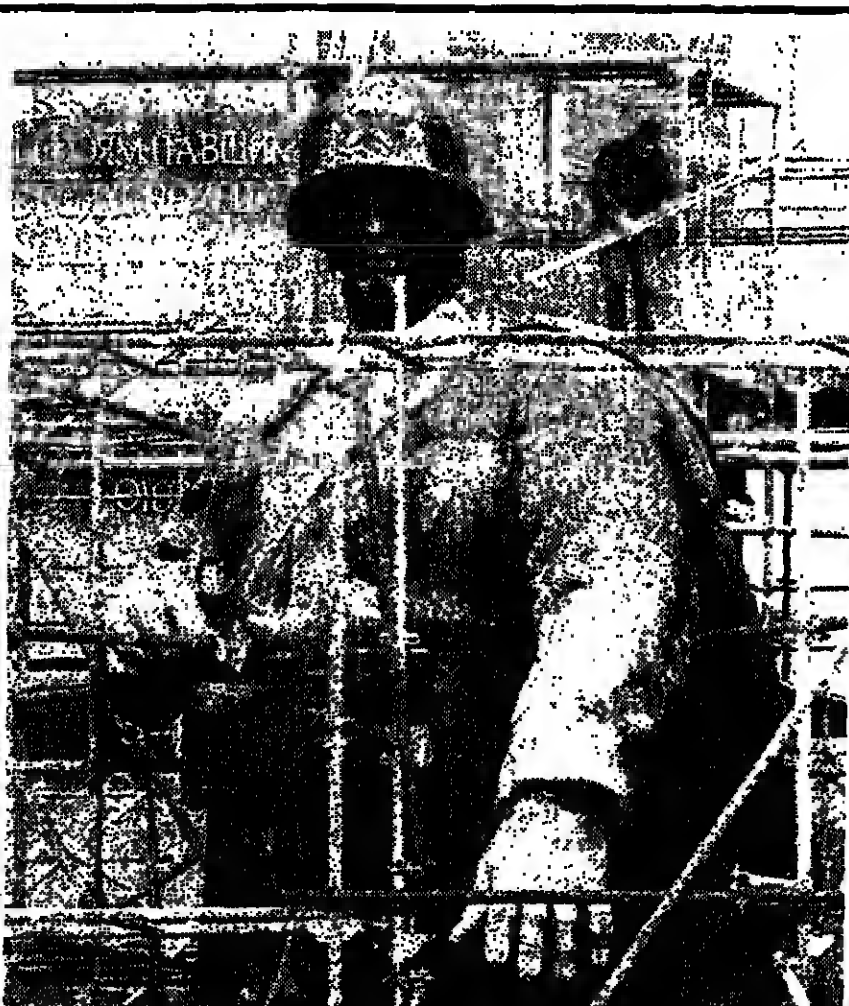
ington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest said last April that a medium, plain serving of popcorn had twice as much saturated fat as a Big Mac and large fries.

Cineplex Odeon was not alone in singing the popcorn blues: United Artists, AMC and General Cinema — with a total of more than 5,000 screens — also blamed the popcorn panic for falling sales and profit last year.

The movies didn't help much either, Mr. Lichtman said.

"In 1993 we had 'Jurassic Park,' which was a huge popcorn film," he said. "One of the biggest films of '94 was 'Forrest Gump.' That was not a popcorn film."

But sales are plumping up again, theater owners say.



BERLIN FACELIFT — Workers erecting scaffolding Thursday at the gigantic statue of a Soviet soldier at the Red Army's memorial in Berlin. The memorial is now being restored at a cost of more than \$4 million.

## Reagan Attacker in Pact With Victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr. has agreed to pay as much as \$2.9 million in possible book and movie proceeds to three men wounded in his 1981 assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan, lawyers said Thursday.

The agreement, which the lawyers said he signed Monday at the mental hospital where he has been confined since he was found not guilty by reason

of insanity, provides for Mr. Hinckley's cooperation in the sale of his life story.

But Mr. Hinckley would get no more than a small share of the profit, lawyers said. The financial benefits would go to the three men besides Mr. Reagan who were wounded in the attack — James S. Brady, then the White House press secretary; Timothy J. McCarthy, then a Secret Service agent, and Thomas K. Delahanty, then a police officer.

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## Wall Street Buys Into Favorable Forecasts

Dow Breaches 4,000 As Greenspan Affirms Soft-Landing Scenario

By Lawrence Malkin  
International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — Riding a wave of optimism that the Federal Reserve Board is steering the United States past a recession into a safe growth path, the stock market crossed a key frontier Thursday.

For the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average moved above 4,000 points, closing up 30.28 points, at 4,003.33, as Alan Greenspan, the central bank chairman, was telling Congress for the second straight day that he saw the U.S. economy "fortunately simmering down" from last year's "frantic, torrid pace" of growth above 4 percent.

This boils down to what is widely known as a soft landing — an economy that settles into moderate growth and tolerable inflation but avoids a recession, despite the central bank's seven interest rate increases in the past year. Wall Street literally bought the Fed chairman's forecast by piling into stocks and surpassing the previous record close of 3,987.52, set Feb. 16.

Birny Associates, which tracks stock trading minute-by-minute, reported that by late morning mutual funds and other big institutional investors had bought \$500 million worth of stock, while smaller investors, mostly individuals, purchased \$80 million more.

Those trading levels were four to five times higher than normal. Birny did not detect early program trading, the computer-driven strategies that can cause sharp moves but that are often reversed within several days. Buyers wanted plain-vanilla stocks, and lots of them.

The Dow has been flirting with 4,000 for weeks as interest rates declined. Long-term 30-year Treasury bonds yielded 7.55 percent late Thursday, down from 7.88 percent at the start of the year.

The falling returns on bonds diminishes their attraction relative to stocks, but it also signals the possibility of an economy sliding into recession, which would make it difficult for corporate earnings to expand, putting pressure on stocks. Mr. Greenspan's forecasts tipped sentiment away from those fears.

"Greenspan played the central role," said Neal Soss, a fund manager and former Fed official. "He said that the Fed had set out on a mission to keep inflation low and not kill the economy doing it, and it's proud of what it's done."

"The other part of the story is corporate profits. They are high in the 1990s because capital gets higher returns than labor. That's true the world over, and it's good for stock markets."

Edward Yardeni of C.J. Lawrence said that financial markets had been reading a series of weak statistics in employment, retail sales, home sales, and industrial production and had bought the soft-landing scenario, which he said was beginning to prove true earlier than many expected.

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The Dollar	
DM 1.4667	1.4705
Pound 1.595	1.598
Yen 96.77	97.05
FF 5.1265	5.1387

## U.S. Worries About Bailouts Down the Road

By David E. Sanger  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As the United States and Mexico argued about the last details of a \$20 billion rescue plan last week, one of the Clinton administration's top economic officials fielded the same question time and again in his travels through Brazil and Argentina: If Mexico's ills spread, is the United States prepared to bail out its other big trading partners?

Much like other administration officials, from Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, Jeffrey E. Garten, the traveling undersecretary of commerce for international trade, hemmed and hawed a bit in response to the question.

"Of course, I told them Mexico was a very special case for us," Mr. Garten recalled replying, "because much more was at stake here than just trade. But honestly, no one can answer this question. And if we could, you could never signal the answer in advance."

It is an uncomfortable question because it cuts to the heart of America's emerging post-Cold War role in the world. U.S.

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## Tutsi Prime Minister Is Named in Burundi

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President Sylvestre Ntibunganya announced Wednes-

day night that the new prime minister would be another Tutsi, Antoine Nduwayo, who had been nominated by the Tutsi-dominated opposition.

Tolsi party, which also called for a four-day general strike

The shake-up has further increased fears that Burundi might erupt into an ethnic war

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# Democrats Get Taste Of Political Limbo

## Deposed Kings of the Hill See How the Other Half Lived

By Katherine Seelye  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — When presidents come calling on Capitol Hill, they are usually ushered into stately neoclassical suites or one of the larger ceremonial rooms. But when Bill Clinton came to talk with the 204 House Democrats, they found themselves shunted off into a utilitarian room in the labyrinthine basement of the Capitol, with gray walls and low ceilings and not much room for dignity.

Mr. Clinton joked to those shoehorned in with him that at least they could all see each other. A congressional aide said the Democrats were grateful even for this. "It's been so hard to get rooms for anything," she said. "We feel lucky to have gotten a room at all."

Once synonymous with the term majority party, the Democrats are finding out how the other half lived.

Some are adjusting, others are not.

But as the Republicans celebrated their first 50 days in power on Wednesday, halfway to their promised deadline to overturn two or three generations of Democratic ideals, the opposition remains in a slump, strung out between post-election shock syndrome and a chronic inability to get with the program.

Representative Jim McDermott, Democrat of Washington and a psychiatrist, has been watching his colleagues struggle through the different stages of

loss: denial, apathy, anger and resolution.

"You find people in all of these stages," he said. "There are people still denying. They are crafting legislation that they actually think will pass. That's denial. But you can't go through a loss without going through these stages."

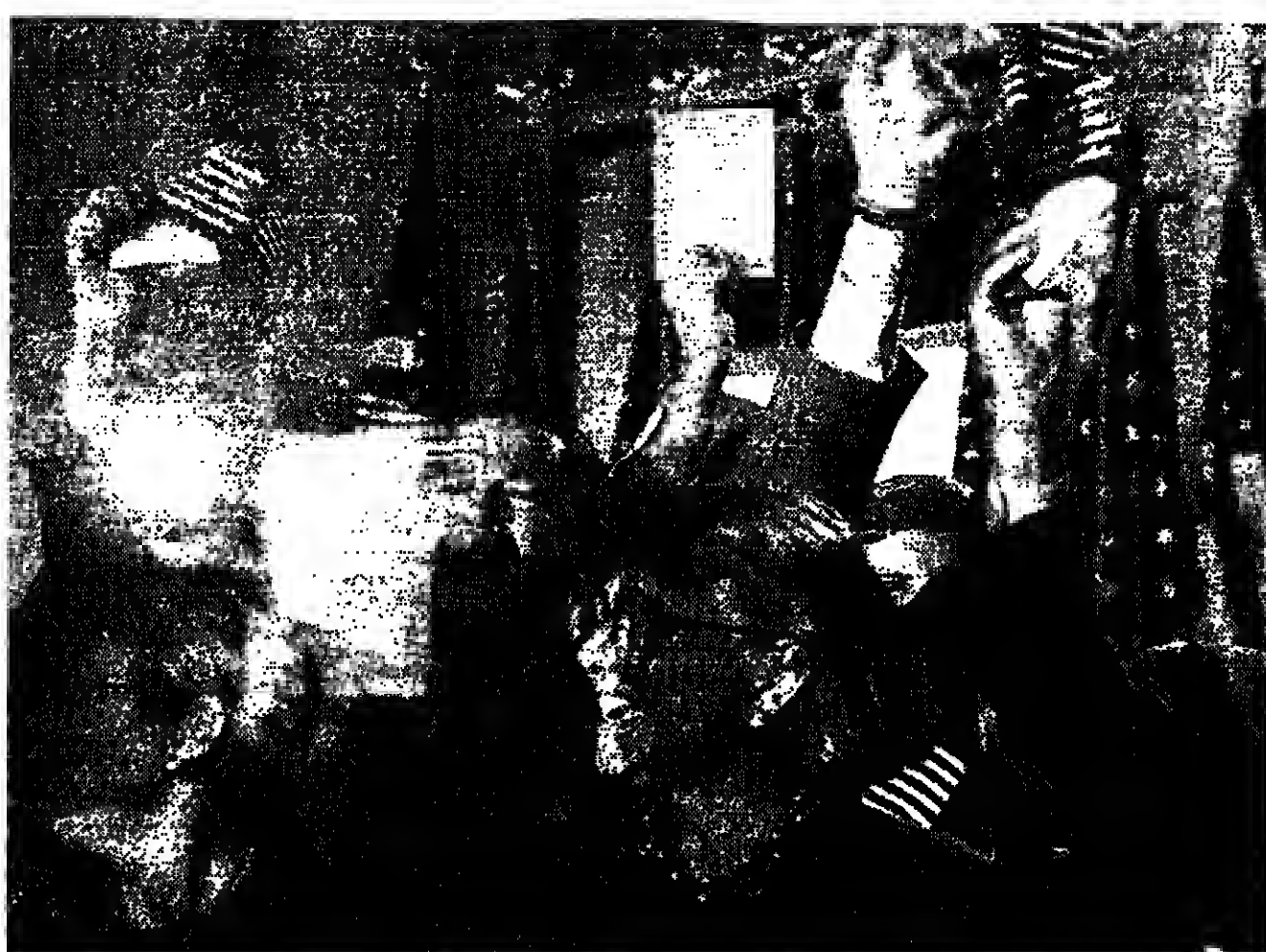
Unwittingly, the once-dominant Democrats make for a surprisingly compliant opposition. They may have 204 members in the House, but they do not come close to having 204 votes. Sometimes, 50 or 100 or 200 of them will side with the Republicans. The most liberal members march to their own drummers.

At the same time, two dozen conservative Democrats have taken the formal step of declaring their independence, bringing themselves to the brink of secession and raising the basic question of what it means to be a Democrat.

From the Republican vantage point, the Democrats are not grounded in reality.

"They have not accepted, in a psychological sense, the election results," said Tony Blankley, the spokesman for Newt Gingrich, speaker of the House. "They don't really see Dick Army as majority leader and Newt Gingrich as speaker. They know Dick and Newt are in those roles, but they think fate has put them in a parallel universe where the real reality doesn't exist."

In addition to their denial and their multifactionalism, the Democrats also appear to be leaderless, in part because there are no followers.



House Republicans holding aloft American flags and copies of their "Contract With America" during a rally on Capitol Hill to mark the halfway point of what they call their "revolution" to revamp the federal government in 100 days.

"The institution has weak leaders if you have people who are unwilling to be led," said James A. Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University.

Referring to Richard A. Gephardt, the Democratic leader in the House, and Thomas A. Daschle, the leader in the Senate, he said: "You've got Gephardt competing with the president, and Daschle floundering, and they cannot define their core philosophy."

These 50 days have been particularly grim for Democrats as

they watch Republicans push through their agenda. Democrats controlled both houses plus the White House for two years and failed to move big legislation like health care or welfare reform. And their own leaders blocked the kind of internal reforms that are popular and that Republicans are now getting credit for.

Democrats in the Senate seem less dispirited than those in the House, in part because they have been in the minority before, but also because each senator has his or her own fiefdom. Individual House mem-

bers, particularly committee chairmen, may have lost their platforms, but minority-party senators will always have a stage as long as the Senate keeps the filibuster.

But Democrats on both sides talk about a certain liberation in not being responsible for complicated legislation. Mr. McDermott, for one, says he has lost 25 pounds, a little more than 11 kilograms, since the election because he has more time to exercise. "This is adding five years to my life," he said.

Representative Charles E. Schumer of New York likes to

say that being in the minority is "more fun, less fulfilling."

But he said the Democrats would eventually regroup.

"It is too soon to say what our 10 basic bills are or what issues we'll run on in '96," he said. "Not until the summer will our positive message start coalescing."

But he said the Democrats would be organized by the time the public was disenchanted with the Republicans and particularly with Mr. Gingrich. "By July, the contract will be greatly modified or not passed," he said.

## POLITICAL NOTES

### Clinton Praises Canadian Unity

OTTAWA — President Bill Clinton gave strong backing Thursday to a united Canada in the face of Quebec's latest independence drive, telling Parliament that Canada is a model of how people of different cultures can live together.

"In a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model to the entire world of how people of different cultures can live together in peace, prosperity and mutual respect," Mr. Clinton said to loud applause.

The American's comment was a modification in its policy of strict neutrality on efforts by some Quebec politicians to secede from Canada and was likely to stir sharp debate in America's northern neighbor. After his speech, Mr. Clinton was to meet Quebec's separatist leader, Lucien Bouchard.

Mr. Clinton, on a two-day visit to Canada, reminded Parliament of a comment that President Harry Truman made in the same locale in 1947: "Canada's notable achievement of national unity and progress through accommodation, moderation and forbearance can be studied with profit by sister nations."

"Those words ring every bit as true today," he said. (Reuters)

### Battle Brews on Affirmative Action

WASHINGTON — Republican calls to dismantle affirmative action programs are creating tensions in both parties, with some Republicans fearful that they will be accused of racial insensitivity and some Democrats uneasy about the political consequences of drawing battle lines on the issue.

The debate, which has extended to the early skirmishing among candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, reached the House floor for the first time Tuesday night. All but 44 Democrats joined Republican lawmakers in killing a federal program that provides tax breaks to companies that sell broadcast outlets to minorities.

Republicans had made it especially difficult for Democrats to buck the repeal of the program because it was tied to a popular 25 percent tax deduction for self-employed people who buy their own health insurance.

Some Republican lawmakers worry that, like abortion, affirmative action will only distract them from more important matters, while others believe the climate is ripe for attacking what they consider to be unconstitutional protections of certain groups of people at the expense of others.

Some Democrats are eager to engage the Republicans in debate on affirmative action. Others, still reeling from the November elections and the defection of white male voters, are uncertain about pursuing a strategy to defend programs aimed at remedying discriminatory patterns. (WP)

### Quote/Unquote

Senator Richard G. Lugar, Republican of Indiana, on the "Contract With America" legislative agenda: "I don't recall in Indiana or elsewhere in the nation where I campaigned, the foreign policy plank discussed. Suddenly, because it's in the 'Contract With America' it zips in here on the Senate side. Certainly the Senate in its deliberative qualities will think about them some more, examine them and maybe save the country from the worst excesses." (AP)

## Mexico Abducts Rebel's Kin, Group Says

By Tod Robberson  
Washington Post Service

ORIZABA, Mexico — Federal policemen abducted the brother and parents of a Mexican rebel leader here earlier this month, apparently to use them as bargaining chips to win the rebel's surrender, according to Mexican human-rights observers.

The accusations are among a list of complaints by human rights groups that Mexican government forces have engaged in summary executions, torture, illegal searches and unconstitutional arrests in trying to quell a peasant rebellion begun almost 14 months ago in the southern state of Chiapas.

Critics accuse the government of using desperate measures to wipe out the uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army in hopes of restoring foreign invest-

ment confidence in a nation undergoing economic crisis.

On Monday, the government announced the first death of a rebel since President Ernesto Zedillo ordered the military sweep of rebel strongholds on Feb. 9. The government said the man had been killed during a rebel attack on a patrol.

But in a report from La Grandeza, The Associated Press quoted the victim's wife as saying he had been shot in the face by troops as he lay on the ground with his hands bound. Neither version of the events could be confirmed independently.

The government's National Human Rights Commission asserted in a report this week that at least four of seven alleged Zapatistas captured in southern Veracruz state this month bore signs of torture and that they appeared to have been forced to sign confessions.

Another rebel leader whom the govern-

ment claims was captured by the police here in Orizaba, 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of Mexico City, may have been prompted to surrender after the police stormed his family's house and dragged away the suspect's father, mother and brother.

Maricela Acosta, a human rights activist, accused agents of the Federal Judicial Police of holding the family hostage to force the surrender of the suspect, Francisco Alejandro Santiago Garcia.

### Zedillo Pushes for Talks

Less than two weeks after he launched a failed manhunt to capture the head of the uprising, President Zedillo has offered the rebel leader protection in an effort to open peace talks.

Mr. Zedillo said he would ask Congress to help draw up a law that would guarantee the security of all rebel leaders who agreed to take part in future negotiations.

### Peru Offensive Kills 13 Soldiers, Ecuador Asserts

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

QUITO, Ecuador — Ecuador said Thursday that at least 13 of its soldiers were killed and 15 wounded in renewed border fighting with Peru despite the presence of foreign observers trying to monitor a cease-fire.

An Ecuadoran military officer said that a large Peruvian offensive launched Wednesday had doubled the death toll among Ecuadoran forces to 25 since hostilities began Jan. 26. He said many Peruvians had been killed by land mines surrounding Ecuadoran positions.

A mission of Brazilian, Chilean, Argentine and U.S. military observers flew to northern Peru after visiting the Ecuadoran side of the border to find the two nations still fighting.

Ecuador, meanwhile, called an urgent meeting of the Organization of American States on Thursday, saying that the renewed fighting had shattered the cease-fire. (Reuters, AFP)



Mediators led by a Brazilian general, Ariel Pereira de Fonseca, center, at the Coangas post.

## Republicans Propose Bleeding or Killing Many Aid Programs

By Jerry Gray  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Setting the tone for promised reductions in the federal budget, House Republicans have proposed the first of up to \$15 billion in cuts to the current budget, marking for elimination many social programs championed by Democrats for decades.

Calling the action a first installment on their promise to balance the budget, Republicans approved cuts in job training and education programs, assistance to homeless youth and veterans, foreign aid to Russian republics, UN peacekeeping aid and federal subsidies to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

If they stand, the cuts approved by five subcommittees on Wednesday, and those that will be made by eight other panels in the next few days, will eliminate many of the social programs that conservatives have criticized as wasteful and redundant.

But the Democrats, with President Bill Clinton in the forefront, have already begun to fight back, and many of the midyear cuts are expected to run into resistance in the Senate, which will not take them up until the House has completed its work.

The most influential of the subcommittees — labor, health and human services and education — proposed cutting \$4.3 billion affecting 142 programs, including 84 that were targeted for elimination.

Among them were dozens of youth-training and education programs, such as the Clinton administration's "Goals 2000," which sets national standards for secondary education.

Republicans would also reduce the \$3.5 billion Head Start program by \$105 million; eliminate \$1.3 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, which provides fuel oil to the needy, and mark for termination a host of grants, such as the National Science Scholars (\$4.4 million) and the Javits Fellowships (\$7.5 million).

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting's \$285.6 million budget was not targeted for cuts

this year, but would be cut by about 15 percent or \$47 million in 1996, and about 30 percent or \$94 million in 1997.

Representative David R. Obey, Democrat of Wisconsin and the ranking member on the panel, said, "It represents the first whack in what the speaker has said will be the total elimination of funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting."

The Republicans' spending plans for this year also would drastically alter some foreign-aid policies.

They would cut \$47.7 million of a promised \$850 million in assistance to the new, independent states of the former Soviet Union, and \$4.5 million of the \$75 million that the United States had pledged to contribute this year to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

A last-minute appeal from the White House spared aid to Egypt and Jordan from the list. Other programs facing elimination are the drug-free schools program (\$48.9 million), an education program for homeless youth (\$28.8 million), job training for homeless veterans (\$5 million) and a program to provide a high school equivalency diploma to migrants (\$8.1 million), as well as a college assistance program for migrants (\$2.2 million).

"There's too much money and too much personnel to administer — we have to cut something," said John E. Porter, Republican of Illinois and chairman of the health, labor and education subcommittee, noting that there were 163 federal job-training programs and 240 education programs.

The cuts, known as rescissions, are part of a midyear review that is a common occurrence on Capitol Hill.

But the Republicans' proposed cuts are more ambitious than usual — Mr. Clinton proposed only \$1.1 billion — and are designed to give them both fiscal and political mileage.

With majorities in both the House and the Senate, the Republicans think they can pass the bills. But Mr. Clinton could veto the legislation, and the Republicans would then need significant help from Democrats to achieve the two-thirds majority to override a veto.

### Away From Politics

• Little progress has been made in recent years in narrowing the income gap between whites and blacks, according to two reports issued by the Census Bureau. The reports said that in 1993 the median income for black men employed full time was \$23,020, about three-quarters of the \$31,090 for white men, a proportionate disparity that improved only slightly since 1979. (NYT)

• A notebook bearing the fingerprints of two Muslim fundamentalists convicted of bombing the World Trade Center was found in a car belonging to the man accused of murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane, two law-enforcement officials testified at the trial of 11 men in New York. They are accused of plotting to bomb buildings and bridges in the city and of being involved in Rabbi Kahane's killing. (Reuters)

• The United States plans a monument to honor veterans of the Korean War, said General John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It will be located opposite the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (Reuters)

• Hours after giving a standing ovation to James S. Brady, who became a gun-control advocate after he was crippled in 1981 in an attack on President Ronald Reagan, the Virginia House of Delegates passed a law allowing virtually any law-abiding resident over 21 to carry a concealed weapon. (WP)

### A Vaccine for Hepatitis A

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the first vaccine to prevent hepatitis A, a common travelers' disease spread by food or water or close person-to-person contact.

The agency said SmithKline Beecham was given the license to market the vaccine, Havrix, which is already sold in more than 40 countries.

Agency officials said more than 23,000 cases of hepatitis A

an inflammation of the liver, were reported in the United States in 1992, although 100,000 to 150,000 Americans are estimated to be infected every year.

It said the vaccine was tested in Thailand under the auspices of the U.S. Armed Forces Research Institute for Medical Sciences and the Thai government.

Of more than 19,000 Thai children given the vaccine, the effectiveness rate was 84 percent, the agency reported.

## Hard Times on the Beachfront at Uruguay's Jet-Set Resort

By Calvin Sims  
New York Times Service

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay — It is summer in the Southern Hemisphere, and once again this resort town on the Atlantic has been transformed into a playground for Latin America's jet-setters. Punta del Este is South America's version of Palm Beach or the French Riviera, a place where luxury apartment towers line avenues along pristine beaches and where rows of million-dollar homes with manicured gardens and miniature rolling hills sit in pine forests.

Up and down its miles of white sandy beaches dotted with colorful umbrellas sunbathers bask in the summer glow as windsurfers, jet skiers and speed boats vie for space on the open sea.

The day in Punta del Este begins between noon and 2 during summer, when visitors rise from a night of vigorous partying that typically ends about 6 A.M. Dinner parties start at midnight and most clubs and discos do not open until 2 A.M., the hour when most shops and businesses close.

Between December and March, the population of Punta del Este swells from 15,000 to

500,000, mainly affluent Argentines, who take the 40-minute plane ride from Buenos Aires. This summer, however, a visitor could well believe that Punta del Este was in the middle of a recession.

On Gorlero Avenue, the main thoroughfare, elegant boutiques, trendy cafes and souvenir shops were mostly empty.

The word around town was that the Argentines were hurting this year because of accelerating inflation in Uruguay, regional fallout from the Mexico currency crisis and uncertainty over coming elections at home.

"This is one of the worst years ever," said Rafael Pérez, who manages a café here. "All I hear are complaints, complaints that the prices are too high. And this from snobby Argentines who used to throw pesos around like they were money from a Monopoly game."

Making matters worse for Punta, as the town is commonly called, was a campaign by Argentina this year that encouraged residents to spend their vacations within the country.

It was accompanied by a directive from the Argentine president, Carlos Menem, prohibiting government officials from spending the

summer in Punta, to avoid giving any impression that his administration was living lavishly.

The only businesses that seemed to do well this year were supermarkets, which tourist officials here said reported a 50 percent rise in sales attributed mainly to more Argentines doing their own cooking instead of eating at restaurants.

Along the beaches, many Argentines could be seen cooking their own barbecue and making sandwiches, something that several years ago would have seemed unthinkable here. But a coffee can cost as much as \$5.

Tourist officials here said the number of Argentines visiting Punta in January dropped 5.2 percent to 45,773 people from 48,287 in the same month last year. A survey of local merchants found that on average revenue was down about 30 percent, the officials said.

Real-estate brokers said that sales and rentals of apartments and houses were down by about 40 percent this year. Argentines make up an estimated 85 percent of the visitors to Punta and hold about 55 percent of the real estate, including most of the 100 or so mansions valued at more than \$1 million each.

Tourism is the third most important industry in Uruguay, and Punta del Este is the centerpiece. But with fewer Argentines coming to Punta and spending less, officials here are looking elsewhere for visitors.

Luis Sader, director of the Punta del Este Tourism Association, said that an advertising campaign abroad was attracting wealthy Brazilian tourists. Mr. Sader said his group was also seeking tourists from Europe and the United States.

Part of the change in Punta is attributed to the growing number of middle-class Argentines who have started coming to this resort. In contrast to the richest Argentines, who remain for several weeks or even months in property they rent or own, the middle-class visitors tend to spend only a few days here and watch their money very closely.

Alicia Dentone, a 16-year-old college student whose family spends every summer in Punta, this year renting an apartment for \$7,000 for one month, said she was heading back to Buenos Aires a week early because she was bored.

"There's no one here this year and the atmosphere just wasn't the same," she said.

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## EUROPE

## NATO Pushes Claes to Put Quick End to Bribery Scandal

By Tom Buerkle  
International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — NATO governments reiterated their support on Thursday for Willy Claes, the alliance's secretary-general, who is under the cloud of a Belgian bribery scandal, while a former political colleague and suspect in the affair said Mr. Claes had not been involved.

But Mr. Claes remained under pressure to put a quick end to the affair, according to sources, who said speculation about his involvement was a serious distraction from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's need to craft a new relationship with Russia, set criteria for members from Eastern Europe, and draw up plans for the

possible evacuation of United Nations forces from the former Yugoslavia.

Mr. Claes kept a low profile on Thursday, breaking with usual NATO practice by not meeting reporters after holding talks with Slovenia's foreign minister.

Lawyers for Etienne Mange, the former treasurer of Belgium's Flemish Socialist Party who was arrested last week in connection with the affair, issued a statement on Thursday effectively admitting Mr. Mange's full responsibility for having accepted a "gift" to the party of 50 million Belgian francs (about \$2 million) in 1989 from Agusta, an Italian helicopter maker.

That was shortly after the company won an 8 billion franc order from the Belgian Air Force for 46 helicopters.

Also Thursday, the Socialist Party president, Louis Tobback, affirmed that Mr. Mange had mentioned the offer briefly at a meeting, but that Mr. Tobback, Mr. Claes and Frank Vandebroucke, another senior party official and Belgium's current foreign minister, immediately refused the offer.

Mr. Claes raised fresh questions about his involvement on Wednesday when he first denied, then acknowledged having been present at the meeting where the Agusta offer was discussed.

Mr. Claes, who was economics minister at the time, and Mr. Vandebroucke said they had rejected the offer and had not discussed it again.

NATO ambassadors had expressed their unanimous support for Mr. Claes on Tuesday after he briefed them on the affair.

On Thursday, Mr. Claes had private contacts with some NATO ambassadors, who "reiterated their total confidence," a source close to Mr. Claes said. "We're confident that we will quickly put this behind us."

Mr. Claes is to visit Washington between March 3-9 to discuss the situation in the former Yugoslavia and relations with Russia with President Bill Clinton, and he will seek to firm up support for NATO with the new Republican leadership of Congress.

Judicial authorities have indicated they would like to question Mr. Claes, who does not have diplomatic immunity in this case.

However, he has stated his willingness to cooperate.

## BRIEFLY EUROPE

## Santer Vows to Limit Foreign Films

BRUSSELS — The European Commission president, Jacques Santer, has reassured Europe's filmmakers that limits on Hollywood and other foreign films shown on European television screens will not be scrapped.

His spokesman said Mr. Santer made the promise at a meeting on Wednesday at which a delegation of filmmakers and actors pleaded for EU help to protect their industry from Hollywood domination.

The European Commission, the EU executive, has to decide by mid-March how to adapt its rules on foreign content in television broadcasts to take account of emerging services like teleshopping.

For now, the EU limits the number of foreign programs allowed on its television channels, but Mr. Santer said the commission was looking at other ways of promoting the EU film industry, perhaps through allowing state aid. (Reuters)

## Nuclear-Fuel Ship Leaves France

CHERBOURG, France — A British ship carrying reprocessed nuclear fuel left for Japan by a secret route on Thursday after French sailors prevented protesters from blocking the shipment.

The ship, the Pacific Pintail, left the Channel port of Cherbourg escorted by four French naval vessels and six rubber dinghies carrying commandos.

Environmental groups have vowed to shadow the Pacific Pintail on its trip, and they tried to prevent it from entering Cherbourg to pick up the nuclear fuel. A navy spokesman said 20 protesters were intercepted as they sailed three rubber dinghies toward the Pacific Pintail but there was no violence.

Japan sends its spent fuel to Europe for reprocessing into fuel-grade plutonium that is returned to Japan. (Reuters)

## Disabled Win Ramps at Opera Ball

VIENNA — A disabled member of Austria's Parliament campaigning to attend Vienna's Opera Ball in her wheelchair said on Thursday she had won a pledge from organizers to install special access ramps.

But her victory came too late for her to be on the dance floor at this year's ball, held Thursday evening. Deputy Theresia Haidmayr said she would watch the dancing from an opera box this year and looked forward to being on dance floor level at the 1996 ball.

Ms. Haidmayr raised a protest earlier this week when organizers told her she could not take up the dance floor place she had reserved because wheelchairs were not permitted. (Reuters)

## Calendar

European Union events scheduled for Friday:

BRUSSELS: Meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialized countries on the information superhighway begins, attended by 45 major business leaders and the telecommunications and industry ministers of the G-7.

BRUSSELS: Vice President Sadi Thabo Mbeki of South Africa pays an official visit to the European Parliament.

BRUSSELS: President Jacques Santer of the European Commission meets Vice President Jean-François Rischard of the World Bank.

BRUSSELS: Visit of Foreign Minister Zoran Thaler of Slovenia to discuss negotiations on an association agreement with the European Union.

MEXICO CITY: Alain Lamassoure, French European affairs minister, visits Mexico as the EU seeks to negotiate economic and political partnerships. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

## Rival Leftist Party Takes On Jospin in French Campaign

By Barry James  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The lightning ascent of the Socialist Party contender, Lionel Jospin, in the French presidential election campaign hit its first major obstacle Thursday with the announcement that a rival leftist candidate also will enter the campaign.

Jean-François Hory, the president of the Left Radical Movement, calling Mr. Jospin old-fashioned and dogmatic, said he would run as "the candidate of the modern left."

Mr. Hory, 45, a member of the European Parliament, stands little chance of winning a substantial proportion of the vote, but his candidacy could weaken Mr. Jospin's chances by dividing the left.

The Left Radical Movement is better known as the party of the Socialist maverick Bernard Tapie, whose bankruptcy makes him ineligible to run.

Mr. Jospin, 57, a former minister of education, was elected by party members to the Socialist leadership this month. He has steadily risen in public opinion polls to rival the two main candidates on the right, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, 65, and the mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, 62.

Mr. Balladur has been hurt by corruption allegations surrounding his government, including affairs that led to the

resignation of three ministers, and a wiretapping scandal that has blown up in the face of Interior Minister Charles Pasqua. That scandal is widely seen as a bungled attempt to put pressure on a judge investigating kickbacks on public housing contracts and possible illegal financing of the Rally for the Republic party, to which Mr. Balladur, Mr. Pasqua and Mr. Chirac belong.

The Socialists were badly defeated in the elections for the European Parliament in 1993 largely because the Left Radical Movement, bolstered by its association with Mr. Tapie, then a millionaire businessman and soccer team owner, managed to win 12.5 percent of the vote.

With Mr. Tapie out of the running, a spokesman for Mr. Jospin said the consequences of Mr. Hory's bid "will not be enormous, because there is a dynamic behind Mr. Jospin's candidacy that is getting stronger every day."

## ■ Poll Shows a 3-Way Tie

The three leading presidential contenders are neck-and-neck for the first of the two rounds of the ballot, an opinion poll said Thursday, Agence France-Presse reported.

The IPSOS poll showed Mr. Balladur, Mr. Chirac and Mr. Jospin all polling 22 percent of the vote in the April 23 round, with Mr. Balladur emerging as the winner in the May 7 runoff.



Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, outlining plans to rebuild Red Square to President Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin on Thursday. The three met after a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## Yeltsin Vows to Oversee Army Reform

By Lee Hockstader  
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — With his army bogged down in Chechnya and his popularity ratings wallowing at record lows, President Boris N. Yeltsin said Thursday that he would take personal charge of revamping the military.

"We have to be tough and firm so military people believe that there will be reforms," he said. "As president and commander-in-chief, I am prepared personally to control the course of the reforms."

Yet, even as Mr. Yeltsin tried to project an image of leadership and resolve at a wreath-laying ceremony for Defenders of the Fatherland Day, there were new reminders of the damage that has been done to his government and personal prestige by the war in Chechnya.

In a new poll by the All-Russia Public Opinion Research Center, more than half the respondents said they wanted Mr. Yeltsin to resign immediately, while two-thirds said that he should not run for reelection next year. Just 9 percent approve

of the way he is handling his job, a figure in line with other recent public opinion surveys.

More than twice as many respondents blame Mr. Yeltsin for the bloodshed in Chechnya as blame the separatist Chechen leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev, who has been demonized by official Russian propaganda.

The results of the poll of more than 1,500 urban residents across Russia were published on Thursday in the liberal newspaper Segodnya.

Mr. Yeltsin's defense minister, Pavel S. Grachev, who has been tireless in his search for a scapegoat for the Chechen morass, settled Thursday on the mothers of Russian soldiers.

In remarks to veterans, he said mothers who have tried to extract their soldier sons from harm's way in Chechnya had caused 400 of them to "disappear without a trace."

He did not explain how the mothers had caused this to occur, beyond saying: "Some of them have simply been taken prisoner, some have been killed. This is

what the thoughtlessness and rashness of the so-called mothers' movement has produced. We want to have their husbands explain how they allowed this to happen."

General Grachev also repeated his conviction that the Chechen campaign has been a success. He said that considering the scale of the fighting, casualties, which are thought to include tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers, were not great "from a military point of view."

He added that negative coverage of the war is the result of news organizations having been "bought." He declined to be specific.

Marking the Defenders of the Fatherland holiday, which in the Soviet era was known as Army Day, Mr. Yeltsin stressed the need to help the army overcome the elaborate problems that the Chechen campaign has laid bare.

General Grachev and other top military officers have complained loudly that the government is not sufficiently financing the armed forces and endangering the country's security.

## Russians Shell Chechen Positions Around Grozny

Reuters

ARGUN, Russia — Russian forces shelled rebel positions Thursday to the south, west and east of Chechnya's capital, Grozny, in an attempt to tighten their grip on the separatist region.

Rebels said artillery and helicopter gunships pounded Argun, 15 kilometers (9 miles) east of Grozny.

The Russian troops sent to crush Chechen separatists on Dec. 11 gained control of Grozny earlier this month and were seeking Thursday to consolidate the advantage they gained this week by encircling the capital.

Residents of Goity, 13 kilometers south of Grozny, said the town was shelled Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Shells also hit Alkhan-Yurt, just west of Grozny, on Thursday, and rebel forces said their stronghold in Shali, south of the capital, was shelled overnight.

The Russians, who blocked the last open road into Grozny earlier this week, were pushing slowly into outlying areas.

Although some rebels were still slipping in and out of Grozny, most were manning new defensive lines like those on the western outskirts of Argun.

Thursday was an anniversary for both sides. Russia marked its traditional Army Day, while Chechnya commemorated the anniversary of Stalin's deportation of the entire Chechen nation to Kazakhstan in 1944.

## Don't Sink Peace Plan, U.K. Urges Protestants

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELFAST — Britain appealed Thursday to Protestants in Northern Ireland to join in talks on the province's future and warned that a refusal could doom the fragile peace.

Protestant politicians, who are determined to keep Northern Ireland linked with Britain, initially rejected a framework for talks released Wednesday by Britain and Ireland after two years of negotiations.

Michael Ancram, a junior

minister in Britain's Northern Ireland Office, said suggestions that Britain was giving in to the Irish Republican Army were "a very dangerous misinterpretation of what we're trying to do."

"Unless we actually can come to a political accommodation which is acceptable across the broad spectrum of the community in Northern Ireland," he said in a television interview, "then we are never going to be able to underpin peace."

"What peace cannot survive

would be a political vacuum, a political stalemate, and I hope we will not see that," he added.

While other parties and commentators said the framework document should be given a chance, the initial reaction from Protestant Unionist politicians was condemnation.

Ken Maginnis, of the Ulster Unionist Party, said, "If I accepted it, I would be accepting something against the will of the greater number of people in Northern Ireland that would in-

exorably trundle us into a united Ireland."

The framework proposals include a new elected assembly in Northern Ireland with safeguards to ensure that representatives from the Roman Catholic minority would not be ignored, changes in British law and the Irish Constitution to guarantee Northern Ireland's right to choose its destiny, and new bodies to promote cooperation. (AP, Reuters)

## Kenneth M. Setton, 80, Medieval Historian, Dies

By Wolfgang Saxon  
New York Times Service

Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, 80, one of the foremost interpreters of medieval Europe and the Crusades, the papacy and the dawn of the Renaissance, has died in Princeton, New Jersey.

The cause was complications from a stroke he suffered a few weeks ago, according to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, at which Mr. Setton was a former faculty member. He joined the institute in 1968 as a professor of history and reached emeritus status in 1984.

Mr. Setton, a Princeton resident, had been preparing his latest book for publication, "Venetian and British Reports from Istanbul in the 18th Century."

He spent nearly two decades finishing his four-volume "The Papacy and the Levant, 1204-1571." Other works included "Christian Attitudes Toward the Emperor

in the Fourth Century," "Venice, Austria and the Turks in the 17th Century," and "Western Hostility to Islam."

He was also the editor in chief of a five-volume "History of the Crusades."

Emmanuel Roblès, 80,

A French Novelist, Is Dead

PARIS (AP) — Emmanuel Roblès, 80, author of nearly 40 works exploring the human condition and a friend of Albert Camus, has died, his publisher, Seuil, announced Thursday.

He died Wednesday in Boulogne-Billancourt. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Mr. Roblès was perhaps best known for "Montserrat," a play about the Venetian resistance to the Spanish invasion. The work was translated into more than 20 languages and sold in more than 40 countries.

A prolific writer of novels, plays, poetry,

essays and short stories, Mr. Roblès was fascinated with the brotherhood of Mediterranean cultures and the conflict between violence and humanity.

Bob Stinson, 35, who played lead guitar in the 1980s rock band the Replacements, was found dead in his Minneapolis apartment on Saturday. The cause was an overdose of a substance that has not yet been identified, said his mother, Anita Stinson Kurth.

Walter Williams, 76, the husband of Myrtle Evers-Williams, the newly elected leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died Wednesday after a long battle with cancer in Bend, Oregon.

Mary Dwight B. McNair Scott, 87, an emeritus professor of biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, died earlier this month in Philadelphia from a heart attack, her family reported from Bern.

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— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## CIA Spying in France?

How much financial and industrial espionage is appropriate for the CIA, and how the information should be used, are serious questions that the Clinton administration and Congress need to explore as part of their review of U.S. intelligence operations. The CIA owes Congress a full accounting of this mission, if the French accusations are true.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Rethink Farm Subsidies

It is a good thing that the president's economists are willing to speak their *minds*. Too bad that what they are saying on farming is not getting the hearing from him or his Agriculture Department that it deserves. Mr. Lugar, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, might consider calling them up to testify. He might find them to be friendly witnesses.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

**Other Comment**

## An Ally's Unwelcome Attention

France [seeks reparation of] five Americans on charges of spying. This imbroglio may partly reflect the desire of Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, to divert attention from a bugging scandal. The spying concerned trade, and the episode demonstrates the deepening Franco-American animosity over French attempts to keep out Hollywood films. It also shows the extraordinary reorientation of American intelligence priorities after the Cold War. According to [French counterintelligence] America has 80 agents in France, of whom 30 are under cover. Russia, apparently, merits the attention of only 40. How many, we wonder, are there in Britain?

## *All the Talk About European Security Is Mostly Talk*

***The brutal assault on Grozny is above all a reminder of the way Russia has traditionally behaved toward small nations.***

ic attitude to security issues prevalent in all Western countries. People tend to look upon international organizations like NATO, the United Nations or the European Union as autonomous bodies separate from their members.

Germans who favor NATO membership for Poland while refusing to support the use of German troops to defend it are saying, in effect, that Poland should be helped, but let others do it. However, if relatively few Germans are ready to join in the defense of their neighbors, the fact is that the British or the French or the Span-

# America Is Grumpy With the World, and Now It's Campaign Mode

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# When a Democracy Is in the Business of Monkeyshines

Economic and industrial espionage by the two countries is nothing new, but until now has usually been handled discreetly. This affair was leaked to the press because of internal French political considerations.

## Some Will Sail to Monetary Union

all member states will to move to monetary the same time. Some have strong enough currencies. Others will not be pre-concede the loss of currency involved. Fixed exchange rates or a

### 1895: Strongest Man

**CHICAGO**—George S. Spriggs, a mechanic for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is one of the strongest men in the world. Unaided he moved for several feet up a slight incline of track a freight car which, with its contents, weighed 55,000lb. This is thought to be the world's record.


## 1920: Dry Diplomats

**WASHINGTON** — Foreign diplomats in Washington have decided to conform to national prohibition and not to exercise the privilege of importing wines and liquors under the diplomatic immunity. It was said that the decision was intended as a courtesy to the laws of the United States, but it was hinted that diplomatic officers were finding it expensive to meet requests of their friends who seek to make

oases of the embassies. The younger diplomatists particularly are finding it difficult to resist the pleas of beautiful women begging for bottles of gin with which to mix cocktails.

## 1945: 'Third World War'

LONDON — Dr. Josef Goebbels turned the crystal ball in his heavy propaganda hand today (Feb. 23) and said Germany defeated. In the weekly newspaper "Das Reich," the Minister of Propaganda wrote there will be "a third world war" in 1948, when Russia would attack Britain in occupied Germany and afterwards the United States. Dr. Goebbels' article, quoted by the German radio, foresaw President Roosevelt defeated at the next presidential election by Republican isolationists who would immediately withdraw American troops from Russia.

  
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## OPINION/LETTERS

## Things to Do While the Economic News Is Still Cheery

By James K. Glassman

WASHINGTON — "The performance of the U.S. economy in 1994, was, in a word, outstanding. The economy has not enjoyed such a healthy expansion of strong growth and modest inflation in more than a generation."

President Bill Clinton had reason to brag in the annual economic report he submitted to Congress last week. But he — and the rest of us — should enjoy it while we can because it just won't last. Things will get worse, perhaps much worse.

Sorry to be so pessimistic, but I've been examining the numbers. Like Aesop's ant, we Americans should be taking advantage of the wonderful present to prepare for the gloomy future. Take a closer look:

**Defense:** The United States is currently spending only about 4 percent of gross domestic product on defense. That figure is the lowest in half a century, and it is the main reason the budget deficit has declined three

years in a row. The Clinton administration crowds about reducing the government payroll, but of the 156,000 civilian jobs being cut from 1993 to 1996, some 83 percent are in defense.

The question is, how long can this go on? Military buildups come in cycles. America disarmed after World War II, then rearmed for Korea; it disarmed again in the mid-60s and rearmed for Vietnam; it disarmed once more in the 1970s, then rearmed in the 1980s.

Now the country is the bottom of the cycle, spending just 16 percent of the federal budget on defense, compared with 50 percent in the early 1960s. No one knows where the next threat is coming from, but it's a good bet that the fall of communism won't end the need to spend lots of money on national security — just as the fall of fascism in 1945 didn't.

Interest rates: Mortgage rates

rose in 1994, but they're still lower than in any year between 1973 and 1992. If history is a guide, higher rates are inevitable, and they'll price many more Americans out of the home-buying market.

Other rates will surely rise as well. For example, the president's experts have their budget projections on the rosy scenario that the rate on three-month Treasury bills will be 5.5 percent and the rate on 10-year Treasury notes will be 7.0 percent. But in the 1980s, rates were never that low in any year. In 1982, the average T-bill rate was 14 percent.

The federal debt is now so high that, if interest rates are just 1 point higher than the White House projects between 1996 and the year 2000, the total deficit will rise by \$142 billion.

**The stock market:** During the past three years, Americans have poured \$300 billion into stock mutual funds, and, despite a flat performance in 1994, the market has risen an average of 8 percent annually over that time.

Investors have been relatively content — and no wonder. Stocks have enjoyed their lowest volatility in a century. The difference between the high point and the low in each of the past three years "has been around 10 percent versus an average of about 25 percent," said Richard T. McCabe, chief market analyst for Merrill Lynch & Co.

Mr. McCabe believes the

calm can't last. With increased volatility could come panic — especially among new investors who aren't used to sharp changes in stock prices. Are mutual funds companies ready for an avalanche of redemptions? Don't count on it.

**Entitlements:** The Kerrey-Danforth Commission's report on entitlements was largely ignored when it was issued last December, but it contains some frightening statistics that show that we're reaching the high-water mark for Social Security and Medicare. From here on, it's all downhill.

This year, for example, there are about five American workers supporting each retiree. By the year 2030, there will be fewer than three. The Social Security trust fund is now running a fat surplus (which, of course, gets borrowed to help pay for part of the federal deficit). The annual surpluses are narrowing and will disappear entirely within 20 years. Then, by the year 2029, all of the money that has been built up in the fund will be exhausted. If higher taxes are out, much lower Social Security benefits are a certainty.

**Crime:** Last week, four experts gave chilling testimony on crime before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Their message: "The violent crime rate has been dropping, but just wait." Their predictions were based on simple arithmetic. Most crimes are committed by young people, and the population within crime-prone age groups has been dropping. But

it's now bottoming out and will soon start rising.

For example, more than half of all Americans arrested for murder or robbery fall within a single, small age group: 16 to 24 years old. But the population within that cohort has fallen by an incredible 20 percent over the past 15 years. During the next 15 years, the Census Bureau expects it will increase by about 12 percent. That is a huge demographic change — and it could be a bloody and expensive one, for both governments and individuals.

"I don't see any good indicators for the future," said Patrick Fagan of the Heritage Foundation, one of the four who testified. "We've got too many violent teens in the pipeline for the next 15 to 18 years."

In an interview, Mr. Fagan also reminded me that the proportion of children born out of wedlock, now at 31 percent, should cross the 50 percent mark between 2010 and 2015. "Everything looks bad," he said.

And that jolly remark pretty well sums up the economic and social outlook. But Americans should resist the urge to get back in bed and pull the covers over their heads. There is work to be done, and now is the time to do it — while the economy is still strong. The government has to get its fiscal house in order, and people have to start building their own reserves. If we wait too long, the window of opportunity will be slammed shut.

The Washington Post

## Above All, Recalling Their Mates

By Richard Reeves

CANBERRA — On the 53rd anniversary last week of the fall of Singapore to invading Japanese, the Australian government honored the 31,088 Australian men and women taken as prisoners of war during World War II. As the survivors gathered at the war memorial overlooking the city on Feb. 15, police blocked buses carrying Japanese tourists.

They were afraid of what might happen if the old "diggers" saw the children and grandchildren of their guards. Australian memory is

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enshrined in these numbers: 8,712 Aussies were captured by Germans during the war and 8,448 of them came home; 22,376 were captured by the Japanese and 8,031 of them died in captivity — the greatest number of them from starvation and exhaustion building the Burma-Thailand railroad. More than a third of Australians, according to polls, believe Japan is still a military threat to their freedom. More than 40 percent believe the Japanese have secret stores of nuclear arms. War and remembrance.

But there are different kinds of statistics now. Japan is Australia's principle trading partner — one-quarter of its exports go to Tokyo — and Australian companies have a \$3.1 billion trade surplus with their Japanese customers. So there is an uncomfortable clash between the hush of 1995 and the brutality of 1942. As in the United States, Australia does its commercial best to sanitize the events of 50 years ago. The Feb. 15 ceremonies were the first official tribute to the World War II POWs. The Canberra Times lead story that day referred to "the enemy," avoiding mention of Japan. But the old men remembered; mainly they remembered their "mates," the Aussies who died in Japanese camps. The ceremony went on despite quiet Japanese protests and the complaints of the Japanese ambassador that he was not invited.

(A few years ago in Paris at the premiere of "The Last Emperor," a very anti-Japanese film, I found myself seated next to the Japanese ambassador to France. We chatted, but he made no concession that the events depicted on the screen, the invasion of Manchuria, had anything to do with him or his country. They don't acknowledge, they don't apologize, which is why so many Australians still hate them, trade or no trade.)

The ceremonies on a crystal late summer day (in the Southern Hemisphere) were among the most impressive I have ever seen. The Aussies, I guess, learned from the British. Prime Minister Paul Keating was uncommonly eloquent, leaving men in tears, not all of them Australian, saying:

"Perhaps we should bring two messages to this commemoration. One is the message of faith and courage — the love of freedom and fairness, pragmatism, resourcefulness and perseverance and, above all, the love of this place. The love of Australia... those indefinable bonds between them we call 'mateship.'"

One of the survivors, Arthur Wright, said: "No man on the Burma line was allowed to die alone. Always he had a mate by his side. You never let a bloke just die."

And Mr. Keating ended with his second message: "We should never forget the evil that was done in these prison camps. The outrage that we feel about what was done on the Burma-Thailand railway... should never fade. Our children must know these things... But, too, we must also heal. We owe it to our children that they are not obliged to live in a world poisoned by old hatreds."

It was another example to me of the power of experienced and shared history. Will their children remember? I don't know, and obviously the Australians do not either. The day after the ceremony, the Ministry of Veterans Affairs offered \$20,000 to any playwright who could "help Generation Xers understand what it was like in the Depression and war."

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"We don't want to waste money on anything as impractical as public service or crime prevention."



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Global Economic Policy

Regarding "The G-7 Is Becoming a Cold War Relic" (Thinking Ahead, Feb. 21) by Reginald Dale:

The writer is quite correct to highlight the shortcomings of the Group of Seven — a group representing just 12 percent of the world's people, which attempts to provide leadership on global economic issues. However, it is inconsistent to dismiss our proposal for an Economic Security Council while supporting the idea of an expanded and more representative G-7-style group proposed by Peter Sutherland of the World Trade Organization.

Given the lack of collusion, there is a quite remarkable match between Mr. Sutherland's concern about a "structural deficit" in terms of making and implementing global economic policy and the ideas put forward by the Commission on Global Governance.

The commission's proposal is for a global forum (at the finance minister and heads of government level) that can provide leadership in economic, social and environmental fields. It would comprise the major economies, including Russia and China, plus representation from important regional groupings. There should be no major new bureaucratic apparatus, and it would work closely with the Bretton Woods institutions, not in opposition to them.

Mr. Dale misleads when he suggests that this is a scheme for the world economy to be put under some kind of UN supervision. As proposed, an Economic Security Council would be a deliberative rather than executive body. But, because of its standing, it would be a place like the UN Security Council where states (including the United States) decide they can achieve more by working together than acting separately.

STEFAN NOREEN,  
Director, Commission on  
Global Governance,  
Geneva.

The writer replies: The big difference is that the commission

wants the United Nations involved and Mr. Sutherland does not. Mr. Noreen appears unaware of the enormous political significance, particularly in the United States, of this distinction.

## Warnings on Mexico

Robert Kuttner has long been a critic of free trade, so it is not surprising that, in the midst of the peso crisis, he again attacks The North American Free Trade Agreement ("Leave NAFTA's Cheerleaders Down in Their Hole Without a Ladder" Opinion, Jan. 21, 1995). He is wrong to suggest, however, that we exaggerated the gains and dismissed the risks of the pact. In fact, our analysis detailed many of the problems that have now beset the Mexican economy.

Our estimates of the economic effects of NAFTA, spelled out in our 1992 book "North American Free Trade" were conditioned on the continuation of the Mexican reform program, including fiscal and monetary restraint. We regarded NAFTA as only one component of a broader reform process needed to attract substantial capital inflows. While this assumption was admittedly optimistic, we cautioned that our estimates were designed to portray the outer bound of potential economic effects.

Furthermore, we warned in February 1993 about "a major cloud... over Mexican skies" due to the burgeoning Mexican current account deficit and the growing danger of peso overvaluation. We argued that the achievement of the trade gains forecast by our study (and cited by Mr. Kuttner) depended on Mexico constraining its current account deficit to about 3 percent of GDP. In the event, Mexico's deficit in 1994 was about 8 percent of GDP.

In addition, recognizing that countries must adapt to changing circumstances in world markets, we recommended in our February 1993 study "NAFTA: An Assessment" that "when new fiscal, monetary, or exchange rate policies are adopted in one of the partner countries, the others should be consulted in advance." At a minimum, we added, "these meetings could help avert the tendency... to blame NAFTA for all plant closings, labor dislocation and other bad economic tidings."

In short, we not only drew attention to the macroeconomic pitfalls that could and did beset Mexico, but also accurately predicted the sort of misinformation analysis now emanating from Mr. Kuttner and others.

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## Corrections

In "A Message of Thanks to Japan's Many Friends" (Opinion, Feb. 8), by Foreign Minister Yohsei Kono, the introductory sentence should read: The great earthquake that struck Japan in the early hours of Jan. 17 was the worst natural disaster Japan has experienced in 70 years.

In "The French Campaign Could Yet Be a Roce" (Opinion, Feb. 11), by William Pfaff, the two-round presidential election is said to take place on consecutive weekends. The correct dates are April 23 and May 7.



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## High Rollers and Eco-Tourists



There are an estimated 150 million red, blue, and robber crabs in the rain forest of Christmas Island.

By Michael Richardson  
International Herald Tribune

**C**HRISTMAS ISLAND — Five years ago, passengers alighting from the sole weekly flight linking Christmas Island to the outside world came from Perth, 2,600 kilometers (1,600 miles) away on the Australian mainland.

Today, only two of the seven scheduled flights to the island each week are from Perth. The rest are from Jakarta. They carry an odd mixture of gamblers coming to try their luck in the island's new casino and eco-tourists drawn to a pristine natural world with such unique wildlife that some scientists refer to it as the "Galapagos of the Indian Ocean."

Formed in isolation over tens of millions of years, the 135-square-kilometer (52-square-mile) island has 13 species of land crabs, 18 birds, 14 snails, five lizards, two bats, a shrew and a burrowing blind snake that are indigenous.

Quite a few of them — such as Abbott's booby and the Christmas frigate bird, both sea birds — are not found anywhere else in the world. Both the sea and land birds show little fear of humans, making it possible to see them at very close range.

There are an estimated 150 million red, blue and robber crabs living in the rain forest that covers 75 percent of the island, which is an Australian territory. Each year at the start of the rainy season around November or December, the red crabs migrate to the shoreline in their millions to breed. Some weeks later, they return to the forest followed, after a while, by millions of baby red crabs.

"Christmas Island is a fantastic place for anyone interested in nature," said Graeme Beech, the Australian government's chief conservator. "It's a living laboratory similar to the Galapagos Islands off Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean."

**A**BOUT 63 percent of the island, including the surrounding reef, is designated a national park. Leanne Hamence, a manager of the Indian Ocean Diving Academy, said that growing numbers of divers and sport fishermen were attracted to the island because of its very clear waters and abundance of fish and coral.

"It's all so untouched and uncommercial that we are starting to get world recognition as an eco-tourism destination," she said.

The gamblers come mainly from Indonesia, Singapore and other countries in



Southeast Asia where gaming is banned or severely restricted. The really high rollers arrive by executive jet and are whisked away from the airport's new mini-terminal in stretch limousines along a road that still has gravel sections but will soon be entirely paved with tarmac.

The change in flight patterns to Christmas Island, 360 kilometers south of Indonesia, and 45 minutes flying time from Jakarta, says something about its shifting economic orientation as well as its geographic location.

Tan Sim Kiat, director of the Christmas Island Tours and Travel agency, arrived from Penang in Malaysia in 1973 to work as a plant operator on the island's phosphate mine, which until a few years ago was the main source of employment and income. He has prospered. He owns a service station and a fleet of 30 rental cars and four-wheel-drive vehicles.

With a resident population of about 2,500, the island has a majority of Chinese, Malays and some Indians. White Australians are in a minority.

"The Asians and Europeans all join together as one big happy family here," said Tan. "It's a very friendly place."

It was not always that way. Discovered by a British explorer on Christmas Day in 1643, the uninhabited island became a British colony only in 1888 because its phosphate was wanted as fertilizer. Asians were shipped in as indentured laborers for very little pay, digging out the phosphate deposits by hand. Hundreds died because of the poor diet and inadequate medical care. Even when the British transferred control of Christmas Island to Australia in 1958, pay and working condi-

tions remained well below those on the Australian mainland.

The phosphate business — just the removal of stockpiles now — still employs about 100 people. But by far the biggest source of work now is the hotel-casino, which has 142 rooms and a staff of nearly 400. Owned largely by Indonesian interests, it is doing so well that another section with about 50 rooms is under construction. Gambling revenue in 1994, the first full year of operation, amounted to about 500 million Australian dollars (\$370 million).

Geoff Taylor, general manager of Christmas Island Resort Pty, the company that runs the hotel-casino, said that although the venture was intended to cater to the gamblers, there was also strong demand from tourists. While there were some clean and comfortable motel rooms available on the island, the hotel-casino provided the first international-standard accommodation.

**T**HE Australian government is spending 132 million Australian dollars in the five years to 1997 to upgrade roads, sewage, water supplies, health care, schools, electricity and town amenities.

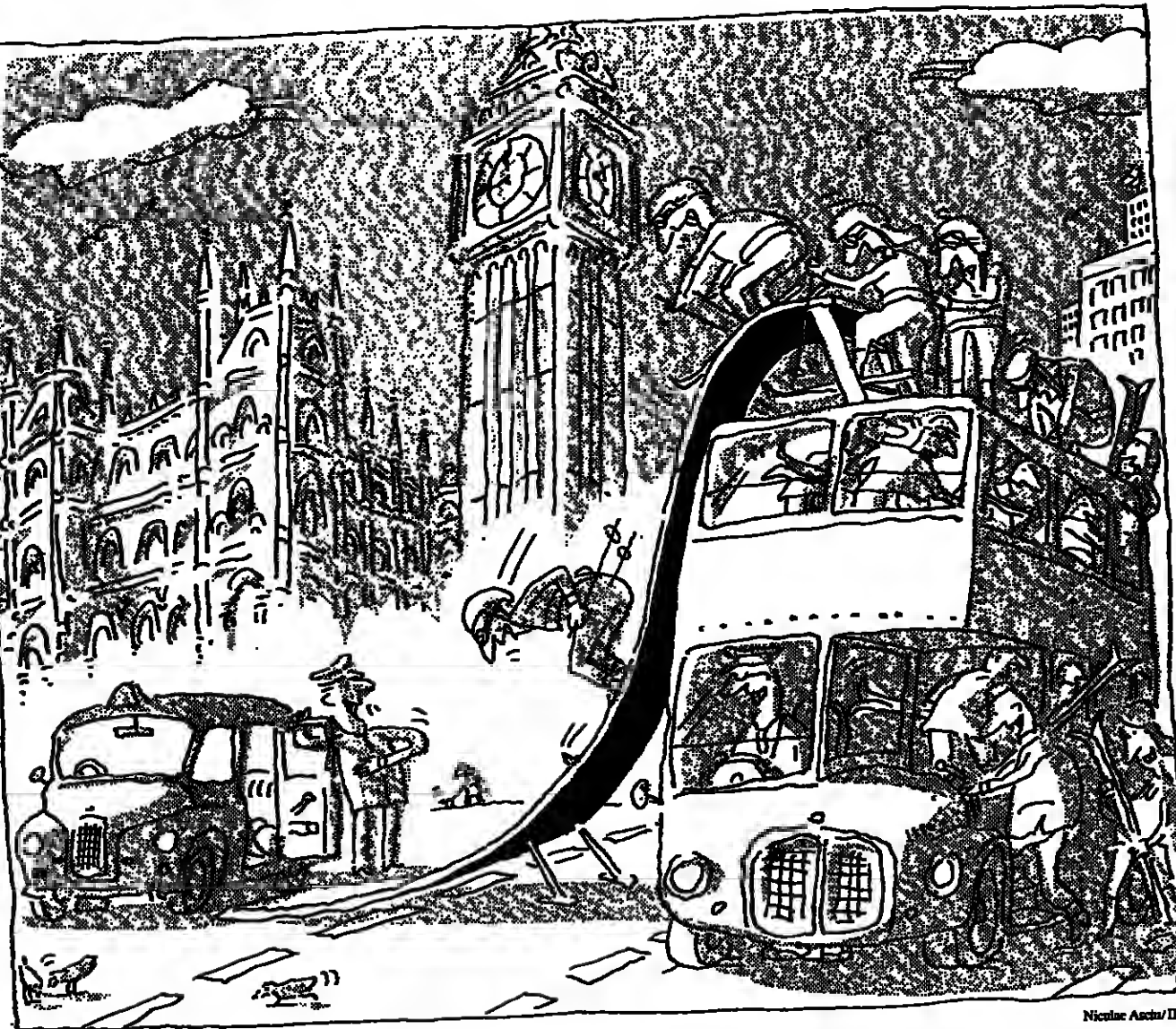
Dan Gillespie, the Australian government-appointed administrator of the island, said the local authorities hoped to attract a number of high-quality resort and residential developments, a private hospital and an English and Asian languages training center. Along with eco-tourism, this would help give Christmas Island a solid economic future as a bridge between Asia and mainland Australia, he said.

But as the number of residents and visitors increases, there are concerns that the interests of development and conservation may clash.

"Given our unique natural assets," Beech said, "we have an enormous responsibility to ensure that development and tourism remain sustainable."

### TRAP THIS

■ Once again, American movie posters are proving too steamy for the French: Lyon has said no to Robert Altman's "Pret-a-Porter." The sequel to that Brando movie might have to be "Last Tango in Poiria."



## Seeking Powder in Beckton Alps

By Susan Keselenko Coll

**L**ONDON — There are at least two good reasons for the existence of a ski slope in the London Docklands. One is to give out-of-shape skiers a place to brush up on their parallel turns before heading off to Switzerland.

The second is apparently that no one could think of a better use for the 200-meter-high (660-foot) slag heap that was the former home to Beckton Gas Light & Coke Co.

These days, they call it "Beckton Alps." And that white stuff on the hill is called Dendix, a nylon matting material that looks like toothbrush bristles and is the English answer to snow.

Beckton Alps is one of about 90 "dry" ski slopes in the country, according to David Hearn of the Ski Club of Great Britain, making Britain a world leader in this seemingly peculiar form of recreation. Hearn says that dry-slope skiing provides a good way of practicing, particularly for the average British skier who spends only about two weeks a year on real slopes. Though he concedes that there's "not too much of a carving sensation" on Dendix, Hearn maintains that dry skiing still provides a very similar feel to the real thing, and requires the same physical movements.

On a recent, unseasonably warm morning at Beckton Alps, things weren't running smoothly. A cable on the towline was broken, and the underground sprinkler system had failed. The manager, Sergio

Cis, returned from the local convenience store armed with a case of Mr. Sheen furniture polish, which he instructed his staff to use liberally in dousing the bottoms of skis.

Cis, who says he was hired four months ago to help revamp Beckton Alps when it was bailed out of receivership, explained that the otherwise pleasant weather conditions spelled slow going on the slopes. In the absence of rain or a functional sprinkler system, Mr. Sheen provides the only hope.

Born in the Dolomites of northern Italy, Cis knows his snow from his Dendix, and yet he says the skiing is excellent as long as the surface is kept moist. "If it's raining, it's lovely, it's beautiful, it's absolutely magic," he said. Which is fortunate, since what London lacks in snowfall is more than made up for in rain.

**B**ECKTON ALPS has several features to help distinguish it from the handful of other slopes just outside the London metropolitan area. First, there is its location, offering a panoramic view of the Thames and the London City Airport, as well as the massive sewage treatment works (with accompanying wails of squalor) and the East Ham Jewish Cemetery.

Then there is its historic belly. One Beckton Alps employee explained that beneath the Dendix lies a meter or so of clay, and under that sits coke and coal waste matter, rubble from the construction of the new British Library, and a steam locomotive that was considered too cumber-

some to move. "It was a real eyesore," he added.

More importantly, Beckton Alps has one of the steepest slopes in town, which means that, in the absence of the fence at the bottom, it might be possible to slalom directly into Carpet City, located just across the street in the Beckton Retail Park.

That it is relatively steep does not mean that it is correspondingly wide: One slowly snowplowing reporter was enough to bring ski traffic to a standstill, while a dozen or so ski students watched with pity until the path was clear. There is not a lot of room for miscalculation: A poorly executed turn will land you in the ski lift, or, alternatively, in a pile of dirt. And it's harder to get up should you crash-land at the bottom; a pole seems to plant less easily in Dendix than it does in snow.

What Beckton Alps may lack in romance, however, is made up for with a solid stab at authenticity. A huge billboard boasts that the slope was used as the backdrop for a recent feature on snowboarding. And the Alpine Bar and Mountain Top Restaurant has all the trappings of an Aspen ski lodge, with earthy wood interior, pictures of robust skiers on the walls and patrons stomping around noisily in ski boots, trailing stray bits of white nylon filament.

You won't find Beckton Alps in the guidebooks, but the slope is open year-round, and skiing in London is about as memorable as it gets.

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## THE MOVIE GUIDE

### Heavyweights

Directed by Steven Brill

U.S.

This scatterbrained family comedy has the distinction of being the first Hollywood film to aim its satirical sights at a particularly juicy target: the self-improvement guru who proliferates on television infomercials. As Tony Perkins, a demented fitness fanatic who takes over a summer camp for overweight boys, Ben Stiller gives a hyperkinetic performance that is only a twitch or two lower in spasmodic frenzy than Jim Carrey during one of his seizures. The movie's funniest (and grossest) scene is a boyish junk-food orgy, replete with fireworks, that leaves dozens of campers nearly unconscious. Their faces caked with gook, groaning and belching on a lawn that has been turned into a garbage dump. In a movie that exists the forbidden charms of Taco Bell, McDonald's and Twinkies, the party is the equivalent of a Fourth of July celebration. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

### Tokyo Kyodai

Directed by Jun Ichikawa

Japan

If the title, "Brothers and Sisters of Tokyo," is redolent of the great Yasujiro Ozu, this is intentional, because this new picture by one of Japan's most consistently interesting contemporary directors, is a true tribute to the late master. Though the style is not Ozu's — no constant sitting-on-tatami shots, no ban on pans — the world we are shown is that of Ozu. A brother and sister, orphaned, live together in an old Japanese-style house in old downtown Tokyo. Ozu's red coffee pot sits on the kotatsu and she cooks him his tofu every night, playing wife to his husband. When she finds an out-

side boyfriend, however, he resents it — and the family falls apart in the finest Ozu tradition. At the same time the film is as much a Jun Ichikawa original as it is an Ozu replica. The concerns of both directors are much the same: The world they know is vanishing. This has been the younger director's theme for some time (as in the admirable 1993 "To Die in Hospital") and it was Ozu's for life. What is also similar is the two directors' attitudes: questioning, accepting, elegiac, deeply human. And with this new film Ichikawa shows just how fine he has become. We have had lots of Ozu retrospectives — now Ichikawa deserves his own. (Donald Richie, IHT)

### A Great Day in Harlem

Directed by Jean Bach

U.S.

Anyone with the misconception that the spirit of a particular music is not a direct reflection of the souls of the musicians who created it must see "A Great Day in Harlem." Jean Bach's small and very moving documentary about the jazz life. The film is ostensibly about the shooting of a famous photograph for the January 1959 issue of Esquire magazine. But it is really a loving remembrance of a loosely knit community of musicians, the majority of whom are now dead, who cherished one another and created a body of music that will live forever. Charles Mingus, Gene Krupa, Sonny Rollins, Maxine Sullivan, Jimmy Rushing, Coleman Hawkins, Mary Lou Williams, Thelonious Monk, Lester Young, Gerry Mulligan, Roy Eldridge, Dizzy Gillespie and Count Basie were among those who arrived to be photographed on a brownstone stoop in New York. Mona Hinton's home movie and Mike Lipskin's photographs of the event are



Tony Perkins (Ben Stiller), on a bed of nails, proving his toughness in "Heavyweights."

skillfully interwoven along with interviews and dazzling film clips of performances into a movie that has the structure of a semi-improvised jazz suite. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

### Gezoz Mauditt

Directed by Josiane Balasko

France

There is little more to this odd couple farce than meets the eye — it's "La Cage aux Folles" with a twist — the Folles are women. Josiane

Balasko's comedy is a send-up of the nuclear family that ends up a moral tale. There's the philandering husband (Alain Chabat), who falls asleep on his adorable wife, Loli (Victoria Abril). Enter Marjio (Balasko), a truck driver who resembles Nana from Peter Pan: a big tame watchdog of heart and hearth. She turns out to be irresistible to Loli and even helps with the kids. When the husband catches on, he comes home quick. The mov-

ie treats a subject that could be dynamite and defuses it in front of our eyes with a demonstration that lesbians, like truck drivers, are *sympa*. They may come from another world, smoke cigars and talk tough, but they're harmless. Loli doesn't leave her husband; indeed, she enjoys him more, and he becomes nicer. Marjio dreams of quitting the road of marginal sexuality for domesticity, so where's the breakthrough? Balasko's grassy plot is trimmed neat

for family viewing; few clichés are left unturned; the motor purrs with the kind of lawn-mower efficiency that the French envy in American moviemaking, and a remake cannot be far away. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

### Con Gli Occhi Chiusi

Directed by Francesca Archibugi

Italy

After three splendid films about the subtle anxieties and disappointments of her generation, Francesca Archibugi leaps back to a story set in the turn-of-the-century Sicilian countryside to try her hand at historical drama. And the outcome is less than satisfactory. Based on a little-known novel by Umberto Tozzi, "Con Gli Occhi Chiusi" (With Closed Eyes) is a story of love, denial and disillusion between Pietro, the son of a wealthy estate owner, and Gelsola, the daughter of one of his tenant farmers. Archibugi, her art director and her costume designer are scrupulous in re-creating the rustic, slightly decadent ambience of the Tuscan countryside. Even the dialogue, written by Archibugi, is consonant with the time period. Yet the drama and passion of "Con Gli Occhi Chiusi" are frustratingly inaccessible. It is difficult to empathize with any of the characters, or even to understand them. Despite the fine performances of Marco Messeri as Pietro's despotic father, and Debora Caprioglio as the adult Gelsola, the film's pulse is weak and irregular, beating spasmodically along in short, at times effective, but generally inconclusive scenes. Archibugi obviously comprehends the dialects and nuances that animate her story. Yet she knows them so well that she sometimes forgets that her audience does not. (Ken Shulman, IHT)



## For Starters, a Promise

By Patricia Wells  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — You might well call it a "starter" restaurant: a young and ambitious chef, a modest affair, an equally young clientele with a taste for something new. Martial Enguehard had successfully completed a term as chef at one of France's large hotel chains — at the Sofitel Seines — fulfilling the French chef's equivalent of military service. He was ready to move on.

Last fall he opened La Timbale Saint-Bernard, a small, narrow restaurant on Rue des Fossés-Saint-Bernard on the Left Bank, a street already known for some good eateries (the fine Lyonais bistro Moissonnier is at number 28 and the hearty Moulin à Vent-Chez Henri at number 20).

Freshly bedecked in a rather harsh blue-and-yellow decor obviously meant to remind one of the Mediterranean, it's also a nice place but not too fancy or ruinously expensive.

Enguehard's cuisine shows promise: at last a chef who seems to be thinking a dish through, not just going "creative" for the thrill of it, for a diversion.

His millefeuille of tomatoes and goat cheese is little more than a pleasant layering of thinly sliced tomatoes and a mixture of goat cheese and herbs. But it's done with enough attention that it's light and

refreshing, and served with a nicely dressed salad of lamb's lettuce, varied greens and radicchio.

Equally fine and invigorating was his professional mix of fresh squid prepared à la grecque, simmered in a coriander-rich broth and served with a tumble of artichokes and carrots in a creamy sauce.

I adored his Thai-style shrimp soup, a bright, copious and filling rendition of an Oriental favorite. Here, Enguehard marries plump, fresh shrimp, a good dose of spices, wild mushrooms, leeks, potatoes and cabbage into a stimulating main course that takes a new look at the foods and cuisines popular with young diners today.

Enguehard turns his totally classic side to good advantage with a traditional rendition of a grilled turbot with healthy, warming portions of potatoes and mushrooms.

Desserts include a delicious compote of rhubarb set atop a wonderfully crunchy round of meringue (if only more cooks would bring back the long-neglected art of meringue making), surrounded by dried apricots, prunes and almonds. Service is exceptionally friendly and sincere, food arrives hot from the kitchen, and prices are thoroughly affordable, with menus priced at 128 and 158 francs (about \$25 and \$30).

La Timbale Saint-Bernard, 16118 Rue des Fossés-Saint-Bernard, Paris 5; tel: 46-34-28-28. Closed Sunday and Saturday lunch. Credit cards: Visa, American Express. Menus at 128 and 158 francs; à la carte, 200 francs including service but not wine.

## Wine for the Saints (Maybe Sinners, Too)

By Kate Singleton

PIENZA, Italy — In rural central Italy the supreme traditional token of hospitality is to be offered a glass of Vin Santo, a strong amber wine that is both dry and velvety in its ripeness. No matter what the time of day, a bottle of the clear, pale gold wine will be taken out of the tall cabinet in the rarely used front room and placed with special glasses on the table before the Important Guest.

Importance is, of course, relative: You may be important because you're the village doctor, or a teacher, or a successful local entrepreneur, or a neighboring farmer whose woods yield good crops of wild mushrooms, or indeed because you come from a foreign country and are therefore doing the area an honor by visiting it.

Honor must be reciprocated with honor, or be it in a patrician villa or one of the brush new and comfortable homes built on the hillside just outside the old town walls to house yesterday's *contadini*, the farm laborers whose rambling rural dwellings have been bought by city professionals.

As the ome suggests, Vin Santo ("wine for the saints") was once much favored by village priests, who evidently knew how to get the best out of their flocks and were

also interested in hosts, albeit of a different sort. For Italian country folk, true hospitality has always meant offering the guest the very best. Italy has plenty of gastronomic specialties that would delight any visitor. But what makes Vin Santo so special is the fact that, apart from its delectability, it is absurdly uneconomical to make. It is thus precious.

In October, when the grapes are harvested, upholders of the Vin Santo tradition hang selected bunches of white grapes under the roof rafters until they are dry. Around Christmas the raisins are pressed, and the juice that comes out is poured into wooden kegs containing *la madre*, that is, enough of the previous year's Vin Santo sediment to beget another generation. The kegs are then placed under the eaves for at least four years so that the winter cold and summer heat can play their part in the transformations and evaporations necessary for such enological alchemy. With patience and devotion one bottle of Vin Santo may be obtained from the grapes that produce half a dozen bottles of wine.

"Lots of people use malvasia grapes, but the variety we've been using for generations is different," said Mariella Fregoli. "It's small and white and has a black dot on each fruit that accounts for its rather unfortunate name: *pulcincolo*."

"Each year we pick around 2,500 kilos of pulcincolo, which will ultimately pro-

duce around 200 liters of Vin Santo. We've been using the same madre for several centuries and have never given any away or used anything else ourselves. The barrels are all up in the attics just as they were in the days of my forbears. We actually wait for 13 to 18 years before consuming our Vin Santo.

"And when it's ready, we don't bottle it but withdraw what we require drop by drop direct from the keg. This all takes place by candlelight: Anything stronger would harm the wine. It's a sort of rite, something that you have to feel for and believe in."

FREGOLI is actually a teetotaler who judges the wines produced on her family estate at Pienza, due south of Siena, by their bouquet alone. And anyone visiting her restaurant at Pienza will appreciate that she has a discerning nose as well as a fine palate. She opened Il Prato a year ago "because I wanted to play a small part in making sure that some of our finest culinary traditions were not lost in an age when people hardly have time for real hospitality and its implications any more."

"Our home farms grow the produce from which the pasta and sauces are made, and our cheeses, game and meats are also local. Otherwise these tastes would be lost. Genuine Vin Santo is a case in point."

Vin Santo can be bought in many small

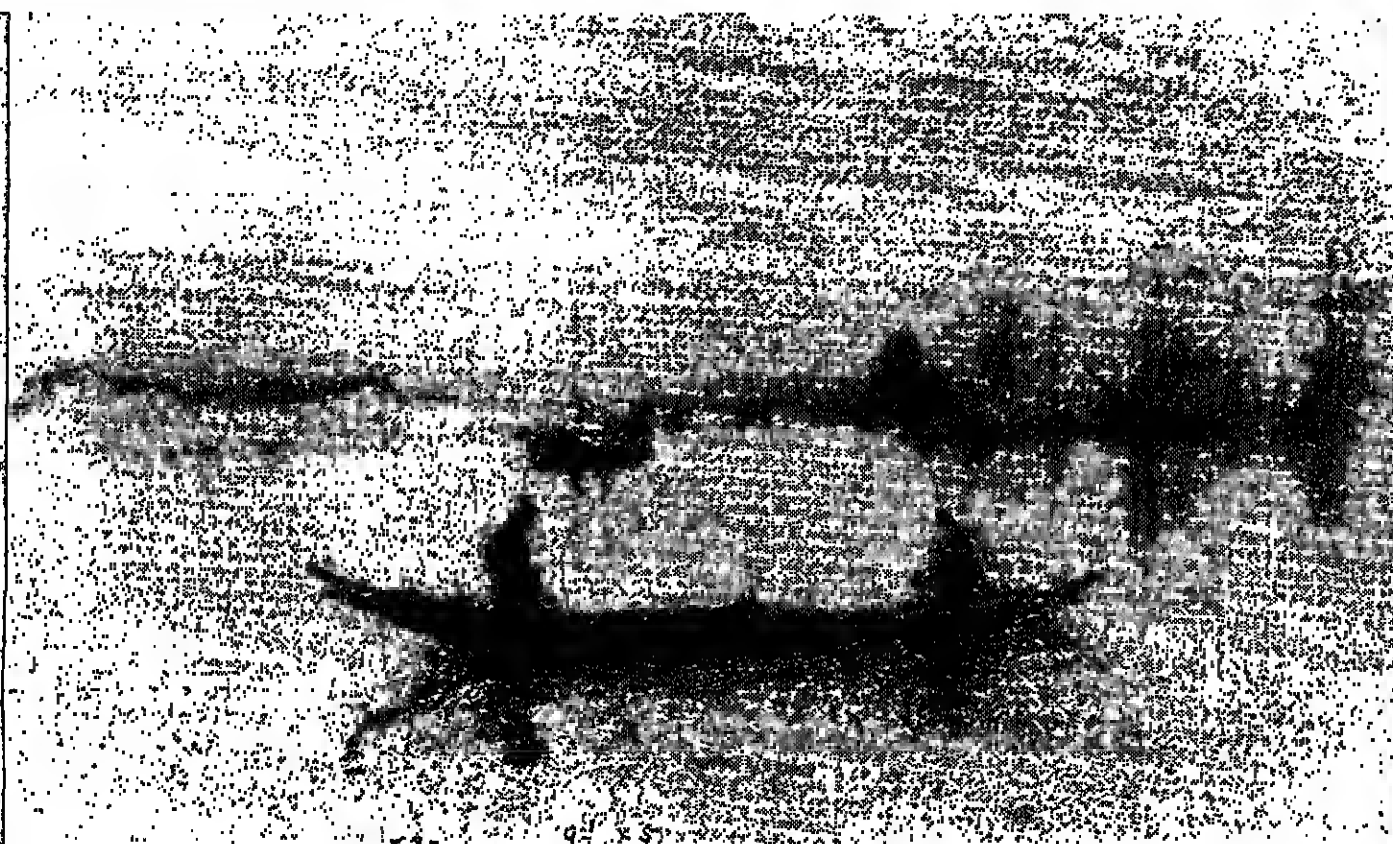
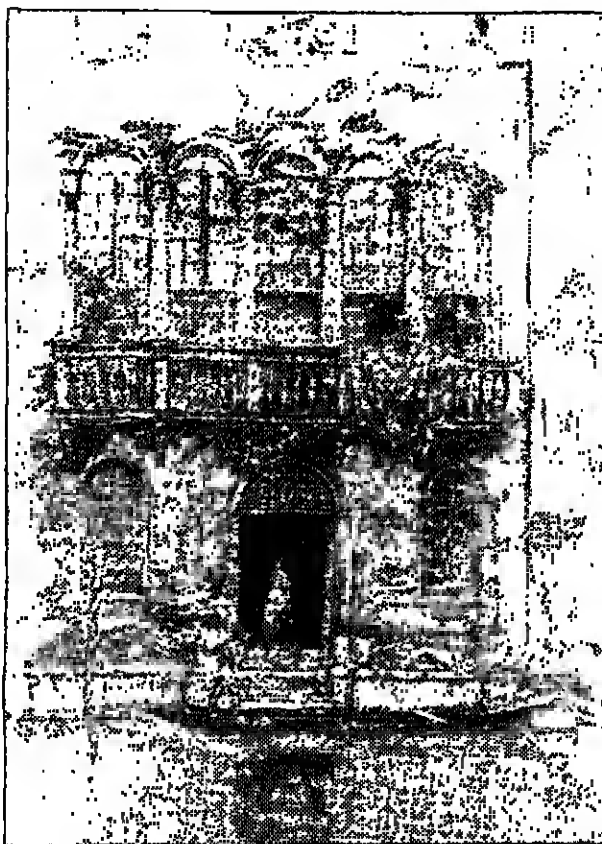
wine stores in the towns of Tuscany and Umbria. It won't be the precious elixir made by the Fregolis or other families who have maintained the arts of the past, but it may be a palatable alternative.

To defend standards, a number of the smaller wine consortia of central Italy have persuaded their members to agree on definitions of production methods. For example, to counteract the presence on the market of would-be Vin Santos made by cutting local wines with fortified marsala-type imports from the south or by adding sugar, the Consortium of the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano has established precise norms concerning grape varieties, yield per hectare, drying techniques, barrel size and quality, and the length of the aging process. Producers who respect these norms are awarded the DOCG label, which is a guarantee for buyers, who will be spending 20,000 to 30,000 lire (\$12.50 to \$19) per bottle.

To nibble *cantucci* (traditional dry cookies made with whole almonds) that have been dipped in Vin Santo is a pleasant way of ending a meal: one that is conducive to conversation, to relaxation, to letting time slip by. Yet it pales beside just sipping a glass of homemade Vin Santo in someone's immaculate front room and enjoying the honor of true hospitality. Long may it last.

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## THE ARTS GUIDE



Samples from the major retrospective of James Whistler's work at Musée d'Orsay in Paris: "Balcony," "La Giudecca" and "Gold and Brown" exemplify his use of drypoint, pastel and chalk, and oil techniques.

## AUSTRIA

Vienna  
Kunsthaus Wien, tel: (1) 712-0495, open daily, To April 16: "Visions and Visions: A Retrospective of the Austrian Influence on Modern American Architecture, by architects who emigrated to the United States between 1911 and 1941. Features works by Joseph Urban, Rudolph Schindler and Victor Gruen.

## BELGIUM

Brussels  
Palais des Beaux-Arts, tel: (71) 30-15-07, closed Mondays. To May 21: "Flemish Art, 1508-1608: Artists from the Low Countries and the Principality of Liege in Rome during the Renaissance." Features the works of the Flemish artists who traveled to Italy in the 16th century, and documents their influence on Italian artists. Includes works by Jan Gossaert, Rubens and Pieter Bruegel, as well as drawings, engravings, sculptures and tapestries.

## LIEGE

Theatre Royal, tel: (41) 23-67-65. A new production of "Der Fliegende Holländer." Directed by Dieter Kasl, conducted by Friedrich Heyer, with Gabriele Maria Ronge and Bert Norup. March 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

## BRITAIN

Cambridge  
Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332-900, closed Mondays. To April 9: "Rubens and his Influence." Rubens's influence on his contemporaries and on the 18th and 19th centuries is shown through his own drawings and those of his contemporaries, Bruegel, Van Dyck and Jordaens, as well as in the works of subsequent artists such as Watteau, Delacroix and Degas.

Edinburgh  
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, tel: (31) 556-8821, open daily. To April 30: "Contemporary British Art in Print." 20th-century

print projects, including works by Anish Kapoor, Peter Howson, Antony Gormley and Ken Currie.

London  
British Museum, tel: (71) 636-1555, open daily. To March 26: "East Meets West: Chinese Trade Porcelain." A selection of Chinese porcelain ornaments and tableware made specifically for sale to European merchants between the 16th and 18th centuries. The exhibition will travel to Brussels.

National Gallery, tel: (71) 639-1705, open daily. To May 21: "Spanish Still Life: From Velasquez to Goya." 70 still lifes painted in Spain from 1746 to 1828. Also includes works by Cotta, the monk-painter from Toledo, Juan van der Hamen, who painted for the king and nobles at the court in Madrid, and Zurbaran.

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open daily. To May 21: "Ottoman Prince of Dreams." Brings together 180 works by the visionary artist, including his early "drawings," i.e. charcoal drawings, as well as oil paintings, pastels and watercolors. Although a contemporary of the Realists and the Impressionists, Redon created dreamlike pastels and paintings which often drew on the medieval world of fairy tales and legends with its emphasis on dreams.

Continuing to April 8: "Nicolas Poussin." More than 80 paintings by the 17th-century French painter. Poussin drew his subject matter from biblical, historical or mythological sources. Related exhibitions are organized at the Wallace Collection, the Dulwich Picture Gallery and the National Gallery.

## FRANCE

Paris  
Musée d'Orsay, tel: (1) 40-49-48-14, closed Mondays. Continuing To April 30: "Whistler, 1834-1903." 66 paintings, including "The Little White Girl" and "Portrait of the Artist's Mother," 100 drawings, engravings and watercolors, as well as 20 pastels by the American painter.

On Feb. 25: "Good Offices and Beyond: The Evolution of the Work Place." Cooper-Hewitt Museum, New York.

On Feb. 28: "Arte at Montecitorio del XVI al XX Secolo." Camera del deputati, Rome.

On Feb. 28: "Religiosyovier a Circus John Cage." Art Tower Mito, Mito, Japan.

On Feb. 27: "Cocido y Crudo." Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid.

On Feb. 27: "Bill Viola: Nantes Triptych 1992." Tate Gallery, London.

On Feb. 27: "Centre National de Photographie." Centre National de Photographie, Paris.

On Feb. 27: "La Chine des Origines: Hommage à Lionel Jacob." Musée des Arts Asiatiques-Guimet, Paris.

On Feb. 28: "Hommage to St. Mark." Palazzo Ducale, Venice.

Opéra Bastille, tel: 43-43-96-96. Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera." Directed by Nicolas Joel, conducted by Antonio Almaraz, with Gergely Grigorián, Gaetan Lapierre and Jane Eaglen. March 16, 20, 23, 29 and 31.

Cologne  
Wallrat-Richartz-Museum, tel: (221) 2-21-23-72, closed Mondays. To April 17: "Meisterzeichnungen: Von Leonardo bis zu Rodin." A selection of miniatures, drawings and watercolors from the graphic arts collection of the museum, including works by Leonardo, Raphael, Dürer, Rembrandt, Ingres, Rodin and others.

Stuttgart  
Staatstheater, tel: (711) 203-20. "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." Directed by Beat Fahn, conducted by Gabriele Ferro, with Kenneth Taner, Wolfgang Koch, and Helene Schneiderman. Feb. 24, 27, March 2, 4 and 6.

Jerusalem  
Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To May 15: "The Ancient Library of Qumran." 12 Dead Sea Scroll fragments including biblical,

sectarian and apocryphal texts of the Second Temple period. Also features items found in the Qumran caves.

Italy  
Bologna  
Galleria d'Arte Moderna, tel: (51) 50-26-59, closed Mondays. To March 26: "Bernard Schultze: Grand Opere." About 70 large paintings created by the German artist in the last decade, as he continues his "journey into the unknown."

Naples  
Teatro di San Carlo, tel: (81) 797-2111. Bellini's "I Capuleti al Montecchi." Conducted by Salvatore Accardo, with Giusy Devina, Anna Caterina Antonacci and Luca Canonici. March 4, 7, 9, 12 and 14.

Tokyo  
National Museum of Western Art, tel: (3) 3828-5131, closed Mondays. To March 5: "German Woodcuts of the Reformation Age." 16th-century German woodprints from the Gotha city museum in Germany, including works by Dürer and Cranach, as well as political and religious satires.

Tokyo National Museum, tel: (3) 38-26-51-31, closed Mondays. To

March 19: "Ukiyo-e Prints and Tapestries." More than 142 works from the Museum of Art and History in Belgium.

Yokohama  
Yokohama Museum of Art, tel: (45) 221-0300, closed Thursdays, Feb. 23 and March 20. To April 9: "Robert Frank Moving Out." A retrospective of the work of American photographer, including 180 photographs taken between 1944 and 1994, as well as 15 films and videos. The exhibition will travel to Zurich, Amsterdam and New York.

Luxembourg  
Casino Luxembourg, tel: (352) 22-50-45, closed Mondays. Continuing To March 26: "Luce, Calme et Volupté: Regards sur le Post-Impressionisme." Major artists themes of the turn-of-the-century are represented in more than 150 paintings.

The Netherlands  
Amsterdam  
Rijksmuseum, tel: (20) 6-79-81-46, closed Mondays. To May 28: "Ukiyo-e: The Finest Japanese Prints." Color woodcuts of landscapes, portraits of women and actors, and scenes from

daily life by Hokusai and Hiroshige, among others. At the same time, the Museum of Ethnology in Leiden exhibits 18th-century prints until April 1995.

The Hague  
Het Paleis, tel: (70) 3381-111, closed Mondays. To April 23: "Russische Avant-Garde 1900-1930." 40 paintings and 30 works on paper from the collection of the Russian physicist Abram Chudnovsky (1910-1985). Works by 40 artists, including Malevich, Chagall, Filonov and Rodchenko, among others, document the diversity of Russian art in the early years of the 20th century.

Spain  
Madrid  
Teatro de la Zarzuela, tel: 429-8225. "La Traviata," directed by Nuria Espert, conducted by Alberto Zedda, with Cheryl Studer, Alfredo Kraus and Alexandru Apostol. March 11, 14, 16, 23 and 26.

Valencia  
IVAM Centre Julio Gonzalez, tel: (9) 386-3000, closed Mondays. To March 28: "La Nueva Evolución: Fotografía del Periodo de Estruendo." On loan from the Metropolitan Museum in New York, a selection of photo-

graphs by Man Ray, Sigismit, Walker Evans, as well as artists such as Brancusi, Magritte or Gropius.

Switzerland  
Lausanne  
Fondation de l'Harmittage, tel: (21) 320-50-01, open daily. To May 14: "Edouard Marcel Sandoz." 200 sculptures by the Swiss sculptor (1881-1971). From 1910 on, Sandoz carved animals in bronze, marble, glass, and minerals.

Martigny  
Fondation Pierre Gianadda, tel: (26) 22-39-78, open daily. To May 14: "Egon Schiele: Hules, Dessins et Aquarelles." Dedicated to the work of the Expressionist artist, this exhibition displays his preoccupation with death, insanity and sex.

United States  
Atlanta  
High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 577-6940, closed Sundays. To April 9: "Venice and the Artistic Imagination: Prints by Tiepolo, Canaletto and Whistler from the Adolph W. Jr. Collection." Features approximately 90 etchings by Tiepolo, Canaletto and Whistler, who were inspired by the romantic artistic climate of Venice.

New Orleans  
Museum of Art, tel: (504) 488-2631, closed Mondays and Tuesday, Feb. 28. To March 12: "Monet: Late Paintings of Giverny from the Musée Marmottan." Paintings of Monet's gardens at Giverny created in the last decades of his life.

New York  
Guggenheim Museum, tel: (212) 423-3840, closed Thursdays. To May 14: "Hans Blackner." More than 70 paintings and works on paper by the American painter who came to prominence with his "stripe" paintings. Also, to May 7: "Felix Gonzalez-Torres." 50 works of art, including early conceptual pieces, candy accumulations and light bulb arrangements.

Metropolitan Opera, tel: (212) 362-6000. A new production of Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra." Conducted by James Levine with Aprile Millo/Andrea Gruber, Franco Fara and Vladimir Chernov. Feb. 25, 26, March 3 and 16.

Washington  
Washington Opera, Kennedy Center, tel: (202) 416-7880. Egon d'Alberty's "Tiefland." Directed by Roman Ferleyk, conducted by Heinz Fricke, with James O'Neal, Richard Paul Fink, Carol Vahr and Gabor Andras. March 16, 23, 26, 28 and 31.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Simpson Case Contingency Plan

## New Trial Vowed in Event of a Hung Jury

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles district attorney said Thursday that his office would try O. J. Simpson a second time if his murder trial ended in a hung jury or a mistrial.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti, in an interview on a CBS News program, said, "If we wind up with a hung jury in this case, I'll tell you right now, if the case is 11-1 in favor of acquittal — which would be a shock to me if that happens — we will retry this case."

He acknowledged that it would cost Los Angeles taxpayers "an enormous amount of money." "I know that," he said. "And I don't say that lightly. But I know the strength of this case. I am a public prosecutor. My responsibility is to seek justice and to protect the community. I must go forward based on my evaluation of the evidence."

"I'm confident, as you and I are sitting here today, that after the jury hears all of the evidence, gets the law from the judge, that they will do the right thing," he said.

Mr. Simpson is accused in the brutal stabbing death last year of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald L. Goldman, outside Mrs. Simpson's home.

In another interview, a prosecutor, Christopher Darden, said Mr. Simpson's attorney was "scoring some points" with his cross-examination, but not enough to overcome the evidence against his client.

Mr. Darden also said that some of the police officers testifying at Mr. Simpson's trial had been too timid on the stand.

"I would like the officers to be a bit more aggressive," Mr. Darden said. "They are answering the questions being put to them, and some of those questions I think are a bit ridiculous. And I wish that they would point that out to the jury on occasion."

Mr. Darden said the pace of the trial appeared

to be bogging down. He attributed some of that to lengthy cross-examination by the defense, which he conceded had been effective.

"I'm sure he is scoring some points," Mr. Darden said, referring to the lead defense attorney, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. (Reuters, AP)

## Personal Dispute Closes a Mock Trial

A mock jury assembled by a newspaper to hear the Simpson trial has been disbanded because of racial and personality conflicts so severe that two members nearly came to blows, The Associated Press reported from Dallas.

"We could not continue to ensure the safety of the people who were participating in the experiment," said Jim Witt, who as editor of the Arlington edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram organized the jury.

"I felt the racial tensions in the room had reached a boiling point," he said, "and I don't think there was any way they could make it through another five months."

The paper had chosen 10 people to watch the trial on television each day and offer their opinions for Star-Telegram readers.

The jury was mostly white and mostly male; the real, 12-member Simpson jury is mostly black and mostly female.

John Austin, a Star-Telegram reporter, said there were problems from the start.

"I think our stories reflected that there were tensions that came from a number of sources, including gender and generational differences," he said.

The decision to disband came after an argument that erupted when a white juror did not move out of the way for a black juror, said a member of the panel, Dennis Bralow. He said a third juror got involved because she felt the white panelist, who wears a hearing aid, did not hear the request to move.

The black juror had to be restrained, Mr. Bralow said.



FRENCH CORRUPTION CASE — Michel Noir, right, mayor of Lyon, with his lawyer, Mario Stasi, at Lyon courthouse Thursday. Mr. Noir is being tried on charges of accepting gifts and campaign contributions paid for with embezzled money.

## Exiled Algerian Rebel Says 200 Died In Prison Clash, French Put Toll at 40

By Youssef M. Ibrahim  
New York Times Service

PARIS — A day after troops stormed a prison to put down a mutiny by Muslim fundamentalist detainees in Algeria, a representative of the militants claimed Thursday that as many as 200 people had been killed. French officials, speaking privately, put the death toll at closer to 40.

[Algerian television said Thursday night that the official toll was 100 among both prisoners and prison personnel, Reuters reported.]

Al Fath Al Mubin, a Muslim fundamentalist group in Algeria, said Thursday that at least two leading fundamentalists had been killed in the raid.

It said that Yakhlef Cherati and Belkacem Tadjouri, both members of the Islamic Salvation Front's consultative council, were among the dead. The

council runs the affairs of the Front, Algeria's largest opposition party.

The fate of other well-known prisoners, including Abdelkader Hachani, who ran the Front at the time of his arrest in 1992, was still unknown.

Algerian troops stormed the Serkadji prison in central Algiers after prisoners captured seven guards, executed four of them and tried to use the others as hostages to arrange the escape for the 6,000 people held in the prison, including at least 200 Islamic hard-liners arrested for trying to bring down the government by force.

In Washington, Anwar Haddam, an exiled member of the Front who received political asylum in the United States, where he heads a so-called parliamentary delegation of the Islamic opposition group, said security forces had killed 200 prisoners.

"The massacre, which has left around 200 victims, follows other massacres in similar circumstances, beginning with Berouaghia prison in November that left more than 500 dead," he said.

Algerian authorities hold an undetermined number of fundamentalists in the Berouaghia prison. They are among the estimated 15,000 to 30,000 mili-

tant said by various human rights organizations to be in detention centers.

Islamic militants freed as many as 1,000 prisoners from the Tazmit-Lambese prison in southeast Algeria in March 1994.

Mr. Haddam's credibility as a representative of the Islamic Salvation Front has been questioned by other senior members of the group, including Rabih Kabir, who lives in Germany and is believed to be the senior representative of Islamic rebels fighting in Algeria.

On Thursday, aides of Mr. Kabir said he had no comment on the events in Algeria or on Mr. Haddam's claims.

Algeria has banned foreign journalists from the country for nearly a year, with rare exceptions, as a result of information from inside the country is fragmented.

It comes from a wide variety of sources, including former government officials living in Paris, several Islamic organizations, local newspapers operating under censorship and some Islamic groups believed to be infiltrated by government intelligence agents. The latter include Al Fath Al Mubin, which issued the statement Thursday about the death of the two leading fundamentalists.

## BAILOUT: Fallout Worries U.S.

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troops have been stationed in Europe and Asia for decades as the guarantors of their territorial security and as the protectors of America's interests abroad.

But in Mexico, the United States has just stationed billions of dollars of capital and an elite unit of financial police, declaring that otherwise hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs might be lost and a financial panic could spread through emerging markets around the world.

It is compelling if unpopular logic. But it has left many in Washington wondering where to draw the line: What countries are now so vital to the new U.S. economy that they cannot be allowed to fail?

Moreover, doesn't the Mexican bailout send an unwanted message to countries and those who invest in them around the world? Overborrow, overspend and fear not, because in the new international economy, everyone is so interdependent that there is always a bailout around the corner.

Not surprisingly, the message that the administration is trying to send to the markets these days is a simple one: Don't count on it.

"Mexico was unique," Mr. Rubin said. The reason, of course, is the porous border with the United States. The financial turmoil in Mexico City, the White House kept reminding Congress, would be measured by the number of illegal aliens flowing into California and Texas. And then there are the 700,000 jobs that the administration contends are dependent on exports to Mexico.

Mexico had other unique aspects. More than most other big emerging markets, it has been heavily dependent on short-term financing from abroad.

One lesson of the crisis is that it is safer to follow the example of countries like China and Indonesia, which have depended more heavily on foreign direct investment to build roads, factories and other supports for economic growth. It takes a lot longer to move a car factory out of the country than it takes to get out a short-term bond.

Finally, as Mr. Rubin has noted many times, Mexico has been the "prototype" economy, an exemplar of the way to privatize big industries, open up markets and create a burgeoning middle class eager to buy imports. If the prototype failed, he argued, it would discourage other countries like Russia or even South Korea from following the same path.

But in one respect, Mexico was hardly unique. It was one of the emerging markets into which Americans had dived headlong, lured by projections of huge profits and apparently unconcerned that they had only a vague idea of what made those economies tick.

Mr. Rubin feared that if investors bailed out of Mexico, they would bail out of everything that vaguely resembled it.

That could also have happened 20 years ago, of course, but as the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, pointed out in recent testimony, it can now happen much more quickly.

"Mexico," he said, "became the first casualty, if I may put it that way, of the new international financial system."

Mr. Greenspan has warned that the bailout, which he heartily supported, could create what economists call a "moral hazard." That is, investors looking at emerging markets could factor in the likelihood of a bailout if everything goes bad.

Mr. Greenspan urged that any bailout emulate the Mexican rescue by carrying such high costs and rigorous terms that investors would worry that they could pay a price as well.

"It would be very foolish if we didn't learn from this," Mr. Christopher said last week, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "It was fortunate that the president had available \$20 billion in a stabilization fund that he could bring to bear on this particular crisis."

But \$20 billion does not grow on trees, he noted, and "the United States probably could not handle a second crisis like that."

## Officials Admit U.S. Spies on Allies, but With a Difference

By Walter Pincus  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials admit they use the CIA to find out the trade negotiating positions of other countries, including France, but they stress that they see an important difference between how the two countries conduct the spying business.

Washington does not send the CIA or other U.S. intelligence services to steal commercial secrets that could help U.S. corporations compete abroad, U.S. officials said. In contrast, they stress that France, almost more than any country, uses its intelligence agents to help French businesses, many of which are owned by the government.

"This country does not use its intelligence service to steal proprietary data to give to U.S. companies," a senior Clinton administration official said.

U.S. officials drew that distinction Wednesday in the wake of the dramatic announcement by France that it had asked Washington to recall five U.S. citizens for spying in matters linked primarily to business rivalries, and for bribing French officials to gather information on trade positions.

In response, the Americans pointed to a pattern of French business espionage even while insisting that the uproar probably had more to do with French electoral politics than with any new activities of the CIA.

Underlying the current flap, according to present and former CIA officials, has been a series of public and private complaints from Washington over aggressive French intelligence actions taken against American companies.

"This is retaliation for a decade of our rubbing their nose in it," a retired CIA official said of the French action.

A U.S. official who was familiar with the situation said Paris might be responding to nonintelligence support that the administration has been providing to U.S. companies.

"The French don't like the very aggressive stance the Clinton administration has taken pushing contracts for American companies, and may have come from the incorrect assumption that U.S. intelligence was aiding and abetting them," the official said.

The clash with France could be a sign of conflicts to come, the officials said, as the end of the Cold War has led to an increased focus by governments and intelligence agencies on economic and business competition. The work of the CIA and other intelligence agencies in carrying out economic intelligence will be among the subjects studied by a presidential commission named recently to evaluate the role and mission of the intelligence community.

There are some areas where CIA information is used to help American companies, but the material does not go directly to the firms, U.S. officials said. If the CIA learned that corrupt practices were being used in a way that hurt U.S. business, it would pass the information to the State Department to convey to another government.

The New York Times reported Sunday that the CIA discovered last spring that the French were offering bribes to Brazilian officials in connection with a \$1.4 billion telecommunications project in the Amazon area. After the matter was brought to the attention of the Brazilian government, the U.S. company bidding for the project, Raytheon Corp., matched the offer by the French company, Thomson CSF, and won the contract.

## Harriman to Sell 3 Classic Paintings

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Pamela Harriman, the U.S. Ambassador to France, who is in the middle of a legal battle over money with the heirs of W. Averell Harriman, has put on the auction block three paintings that represent the cream of her collection.

The New York auction house Christie's said it expects bids of up to \$20 million for the trio — a Picasso, a Renoir and a Matisse. Coincidentally, that is the amount that the 17 Harriman heirs have asked for in one of two lawsuits they have filed against Mrs. Harriman.

All three of the paintings being offered for sale May 11 originally belonged to Mrs. Harriman's late husband, the diplomat and financier who died in 1986 at the age of 94.

Mr. Harriman was a renowned collector of paintings. The Picasso was acquired in 1929 and the Renoir the following year by Marie N. Harriman, Mr. Harriman's first wife and the mother of the children who are now suing the ambassador.

His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have accused her of squandering up to \$20 million through bad investments and of borrowing from various trusts an additional \$15 million that she was not entitled to.

Asked whether Mrs. Harriman is selling assets to come up with enough money to settle the heirs' lawsuits, lawyers for both sides Wednesday declined to comment. But sources have said that Mrs. Harriman is tired of being hounded about the money and distracted from her duties as ambassador and would like to settle the suits.

Christopher Burge, chairman of Christie's America, flew to Paris in early January to discuss the paintings with Mrs. Harriman.

The paintings, which had been hanging in the main reception room of the ambassador's residence, are now in a vault at Christie's Park Avenue headquarters.

The most valuable of them is Pablo Picasso's tender 1922 painting "Mother and Child," which the auction house estimated could fetch up to \$10 million.

The second painting, Pierre-Auguste Renoir's "Portrait of Mademoiselle Denureau" from 1882, is estimated to be worth \$5 million to \$7 million.

The most modern composition is Henri Matisse's "The Blue Hat." Christie's expects it to fetch between \$2.5 million and \$3.5 million.

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counterespionage had caught her CIA station chief, three of his embassy colleagues, and a fifth American red-handed in the act of trying to buy economic and political secrets from high officials, and that she should see to it that all five left France as soon as possible.

He followed up this demand with a letter on Feb. 1, and with a second summons to his office on Feb. 10.

Apparently, however, Mrs. Harriman argued that her diplomats had just been doing their jobs making contacts with French officials and gathering information on politics and the French position on trade issues, and that there was no reason to send them packing.

Mr. Juppé tried to sound reasonable about the controversy during his news conference at the Foreign Ministry.

"What we have to do now is to continue to discuss this sensitive issue with our American friends," he said. "I am confident that we will soon find a way out."

The "recommendation" that the alleged spies leave "was

made in the spirit of trust that exists between our two countries," he said, adding: "It was not intended to be made public."

Philippe Vasseur, another partisan of Mr. Chirac's in the presidential race, shrugged: "In an election campaign, diversionary maneuvers are part of the game."

Since Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladur are both members of the same Rally for the Republic party, the battle between them to replace President François Mitterrand at the end of his second seven-year term has been particularly rough.

## Bulgaria's New Coat of Arms

Reuters

SOFIA — The Bulgarian cabinet, ending years of dispute, approved a new coat of arms Thursday to replace former Communist symbols on the national banner and state seal. "A golden lion standing against the background of a red shield is the image of the new coat of arms," Justice Minister Mladen Chervenikov said.

## CHINA: It Warns U.S. to Back Off on Rights Resolution

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China from its human rights record.

But Mike Jendzejczyk, the Washington director of Human Rights Watch, said Mr. Clinton's credibility as a human rights "is virtually nil."

"I think they are using this resolution in an attempt to restore credibility to a virtually dead human rights policy," Mr. Jendzejczyk said.

A State Department official in Washington said that because "this year there did not seem to be any significant, concrete" improvement in China's human rights record, the administration had concluded that it could not "justify taking a different course of action" in Geneva.

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing opposed bringing the resolution

this year, arguing that the United States would get nothing by embarrassing China and would stoke anti-American sentiment as China prepares for the death of its paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping.

Taking a hard line last fall, the Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, warned in a meeting at the White House that China would end its high-level talks on human rights if Washington pressed the condemnation resolution again in 1995.

"The Chinese are making their displeasure known," a State Department official said, "and maybe they have gone a bit further this year."

Hoping to defuse Chinese suspicions, the State Department's senior diplomat on Asian affairs, Winston Lord, is to come here for what is de-

scribed as "damage control." That mission was organized after two warnings, one from China's ambassador in Washington, Li Daoyu, and one from Chinese Foreign Ministry officials to John H.F. Shattuck, the assistant secretary of state for human rights.

In addition to condemning China's human rights performance, the proposed resolution calls on China to cooperate with UN investigators and to "take further measures to ensure the observance of all human rights, including the rights of women, and to improve the impartial administration of justice."

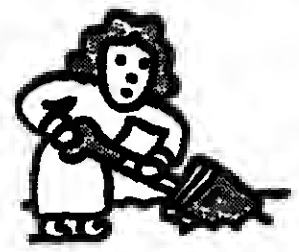
A year ago, the resolution failed by four votes. This year the administration has undertaken a broad international campaign to win it support.

## BOOKS

WHAT THEY'RE READING

Joan Mondale, wife of Walter F. Mondale, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, is reading "The Kinomine Mind: An Informal Guide to Japan and the Japanese" by Bernard Rudofsky.

"The themes are essential to what Fritz and I have learned about the complexities of Japanese life, that things on the surface are not necessarily what they are underneath the surface." (Steven Brill, IHT)



After his son left Salzburg and married Constanze, says Solomon, Leopold Mozart embarked on a process of repudiation that would escalate painfully over the years. He pitted Mozart against his beloved sister Marianne and tried to turn Marianne's son into another musical prodigy who might take the place of Mozart. In later years, Mozart's remarkable accomplishments simply seemed to widen the gap with his envious father.

When Solomon turns from Mozart's behavior to his music, however, he proves himself a perceptive and thoughtful analyst. For instance, in arguing that music was Mozart's primary means of "repairing an unhappy reality," he aptly shows how many of his most characteristic adagios and andantes move from a state of ecstasy or calm through a more troubled state — "penetrated by hints of storm, dissonance, anguish, anxiety, danger" — back toward "a restoration of the status quo" that is "suffused with and transformed by the memory of the turbulent interlude."

Michiko Kakutani is on the staff of The New York Times.

## BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

WE are always advised not to leap from the frying pan into the fire, but there are rare occasions on which the fire proves preferable. One was a home game in which four students were being supervised by Steve Hoglund who reports the diagrammed deal.

North was too strong for an opening of four spades, but chose that bid and East doubled. That contract would surely have failed probably by two tricks, but South ventured out of that frying pan into the five-diamond fire. East naturally doubled.

A club lead would have resulted in defeat by at least one trick, but West cannot be blamed for leading the heart jack.

East should no doubt have won with the ace and shifted to a club, again defeating the contract, but she ducked, which was not fatal. South won with the queen and faced a virtually hopeless task. She gloomily put the diamond king on the table and brightened considerably

when West produced the queen. East took the ace, cashed the heart ace and had the last chance to lead a club. When she led a heart, South bapily ruffed, drew trumps, and led to the spade ace. She then led the spade queen, ruffed out the spade king, returned to dummy with a club to the ace, and made her doubled game. She is now convinced that fires are better than frying pans.

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## EUROPE

# ICI Earnings Jump As Recovery Lifts Chemical Demand

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

**LONDON** — Imperial Chemical Industries PLC said Thursday its pretax profit more than doubled last year as growing economies in Europe and the United States increased demand for industrial chemicals.

The company earned £514 million (\$817 million) last year before taxes and not including a one-time after-tax charge of £82

million, which was largely for restructuring. That compares with £280 million earned in 1993.

Sales rose to £9.19 billion from £8.43 billion. But shares of Britain's largest chemical company fell amid disappointment it did not raise its dividend above the 27.5 pence a share it paid last year. The shares ended at 716 pence, down 7.

ICI forecast higher earnings for 1995, saying that "prospects for the current year are encouraging, with growth continuing in all major economies, and inflation low."

But the company also said the strong growth in the last half-year in the United States and Britain "may be slowing slightly." The company also warned that raw material prices were rising and "businesses close to the consumer experienced price resistance" in the past few months.

Despite the potential for slowing economies, analysts said they had little doubt that Imperial would be able to increase profit this year.

"It's within expectations, and we have no worries about 1995," said Philip Morris, an analyst at Smith New Court Securities.

Of Imperial's four major divisions, industrial chemicals performed strongest, with operating profit rising 157 percent, to £162 million, amid higher sales and rising prices.

The paints division saw operating profit rise 21 percent, to £122 million.

Ronald Hampel, deputy chairman and chief executive of Imperial, said "selective acquisitions" might be part of its future strategy.

Mr. Hampel said Imperial would use acquisitions to expand its core businesses. "We have focused our portfolio in 12 business areas," he said. "Our problem is going to be the right allocation at the right time."

As part of the move to increase profitability of core assets, Imperial said it would continue to restructure its explosives business.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

# Poland Shines for Banks

By Brandon Mitchener  
International Herald Tribune

**WARSAW** — A year after rescheduling its foreign debt, Poland is living up to its potential as the largest, most dynamic market in Central Europe, Western bankers say.

Despite sluggish privatizations, political turmoil and high inflation, "there are very few places where so much progress has been made in so little time," said Jacques-Henri Wahl, chairman of Banque Nationale de Paris-Dresdner Bank Polska SA.

Mr. Wahl said Poland's decision to award foreign banks full operating licenses was "a step that encourages the development of the Polish banking system" and a catalyst for foreign investment.

BNP-Dresdner Polska, along with Citibank, Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Austria and Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale of Germany, are the first to receive such licenses.

The opening of the banks coincides with a surge in interest among foreign investors that had been awaiting progress on the country's foreign debt, economic and financial market reforms and privatizations.

"The lack of a debt restructuring was a major obstacle to a greater involvement in Poland," said Ernst-Moritz Lipp, a Dresdner Bank executive who orchestrated the scheduling of \$13 billion that Poland owed foreign creditors in 1994.

But the pickup in interest in Poland is also tied to the country's recent economic performance, which economists said was beginning to rebound.

my to a demand-driven marketplace. Inflation has fallen to 30 percent from 600 percent five years ago.

"International investors won't be able to ignore the positive development in Poland for long," said Bernhard Walter, the Dresdner Bank management board member responsible for the bank's Eastern European operations.

Many foreign investors are already here, including Coca-Cola Co., Fiat SpA and Hewlett-Packard Co.

But "the big boom" has yet to come, along with a move to large-scale privatizations, Mr. Walter said.

"If we were not going to advise our own clients to invest here, then we would not have invested here ourselves," Mr. Walter said.

The bank hopes to break even in two to three years. BNP and Dresdner Bank each contributed about \$5 million toward the venture.

Economic growth is expected to average 5 percent in 1995. That would be a sharp turnaround from 1990, when the Polish economy contracted 8 percent because of the country's conversion from a Soviet-style command econ-

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Jacques-Henri Wahl, chairman of BNP-Dresdner Bank Polska SA.

Until now, foreign banks in Poland have largely offered consulting services because representative offices are forbidden from conducting any real business. In reality, such business was handled through the banks' London, Paris or Frankfurt offices.

Now, "the telephone never stops ringing," said Rolf Michel, a director at the BNP-Dresdner joint venture.

"There's a lot of demand because we don't have many competitors yet," he said.

Most of the callers are Polish companies and joint ventures between foreign and Polish companies.

But Klaus Meissner, the bank executive responsible for corporate finance, said the venture's commercial viability also had made it attractive to foreign companies that were banking with the competition.

"There are several American companies that have come to us because of connections to BNP in New York," he said, adding that some of them had left Citibank, the only American bank with a full banking license in Poland, to switch to BNP-Dresdner.

Because it is the only big German bank to receive a full license, the venture is also being eyed by small to medium-sized German companies interested in investing in Polish distribution or production ventures.

Deutsche Bank AG, Dresdner's biggest rival in Germany, has applied for a license but has yet to receive it.

gustsson, 40, who joined SKF as the head of its European division last year.

"Personally, I have no misgivings about Sahlin," said Bjorn Gerner, chief equity analyst at Mattens Fondkommission in Stockholm. "But a lot of traders have been thinking for a while that it's time for a new generation to take over."

SKF shares closed at 135 kronor in Stockholm, up 3.

# Auto Sales Bring SKF Its First Profit Since 1990

Bloomberg Business News

**STOCKHOLM** — SKF AB, the Swedish ball-bearing company, posted its first profit in four years Thursday as an upswing in global automobile sales bolstered demand for its products.

SKF reported pretax profit for 1994 of 1.82 billion kronor (\$248 million), reversing a loss of 669 million kronor in 1993. Sales rose to 33.2 billion kronor from 29.2

billion kronor. Both figures were in line with forecasts SKF made last month.

The company said it would pay a dividend of 4.25 kronor in 1994; it paid no dividend in 1993.

SKF also said its chief executive officer, Mauritz Sahlin, would step down at the company's annual meeting in April. Mr. Sahlin, 60, will be succeeded by Peter Au-

# Telegraph Will Leave London Exchange

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

**LONDON** — Telegraph PLC said Thursday it would soon leave the London Stock Exchange, ending three years as a public company, as it announced lower 1994 results caused by a newspaper price war in Britain.

Hollinger Inc., the company that owns 58.53 percent of Telegraph and is controlled by the Canadian executive Conrad Black, said it would buy the shares through its American Publishing Co. subsidiary. It did not say when or at what price.

News of Mr. Black's intentions lifted Telegraph's shares 54 pence, to 434, despite its drop in profit. The Telegraph reported annual pretax profit of £45 million (\$72 million).

The company's revenue fell to £252.1 million from £255.7 million, while revenue from sales of the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and Spectator fell 21 percent, to £90 million.

The Daily Telegraph reduced its cover price to 30 pence from 48 pence in June 1994, and its competitor, The Times, cut its price in stages to 20 pence from 45 pence.

The drop in revenue from newspaper sales was partly offset by a 13 percent rise in advertising revenue, to £153 million.

Stephen Grabner, managing director of Telegraph, said Mr. Black's buyback would not affect the running of the company. "From an operating perspective, Hollinger has made it clear this is a restructuring and there will be no impact on the operation of The Telegraph," he said.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

# Investor's Europe

Frankfurt DAX	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40
2300	3300	2100
2200	3200	2000
2100	3100	1900
2000	3000	1800
1900	2900	1700
1800	2800	1600
1700	2700	1500
1600	2600	1400
1500	2500	1300
1400	2400	1200
1300	2300	1100
1200	2200	1000
1100	2100	900
1000	2000	800
900	1900	700
800	1800	600
700	1700	500
600	1600	400
500	1500	300
400	1400	200
300	1300	100
200	1200	0
100	1100	-100
0	1000	-200
-100	900	-300
-200	800	-400
-300	700	-500
-400	600	-600
-500	500	-700
-600	400	-800
-700	300	-900
-800	200	-1000
-900	100	-1100
-1000	0	-1200

Sources: Reuters, AFP

# Very briefly:

- Adam Opel AG, the German unit of General Motors Corp., said it was recalling more than a million of its cars worldwide, mainly the Astra model, to fix problems with airbags and fuel lines.
- The European Union will not withdraw its candidate, Renato Ruggiero, a former trade minister of Italy, to head the World Trade Organization, despite calls for him to step down.
- Boots Co. is in talks with Daewoo Corp. on a partnership to provide service for South Korean cars when they are sold in Britain, starting in April.
- Switzerland's adjusted current-account surplus in the fourth quarter narrowed to 6.5 billion Swiss francs (\$5 billion) from 6.7 billion francs a year earlier.
- Henkel KGaA posted a profit of 460 million Deutsche marks (\$312 million) in 1994, up 20 percent from the previous year.
- Lauda Air Luftfahrt AG's 1994 profit rose 73 percent, to 59.3 million Austrian schillings (\$6 million) as passenger traffic rose.
- Fokker NV workers at the Ypenburg plant in the Netherlands, which employs about 600, are planning a strike, reports said. The plane maker, owned by Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG, is due to announce reorganization plans Monday.
- East German new business registrations in 1994 fell more than 10 percent from 1993, to 170,782.
- Canal Plus SA and Bertelsmann AG together lost 40 million French francs in 1994 on their stakes in the German TV channel Vox, the chairman of Canal Plus, Pierre Lescure, said.
- Royal Insurance Holdings PLC announced a 166 percent jump in 1994 earnings, to £401 million (\$638 million), helped by "outstanding performance" from the British general insurance business, the company said.
- Argentaria Corp. Bancaria de España expects to sell its 85 percent stake in Banco Simoes SA to Caixa Geral de Depósitos of Portugal.
- Hageneys NV's profit rose 35 percent last year to 217.6 million guilders (\$145 million), buoyed by extraordinary gains. The Dutch trading company also said it planned to split its shares 2-for-1.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, Knight-Ridder, AFP, AFX)

# NYSE

Thursday's 4 p.m. Close  
Tables include the national price up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

12 Month High Low Stock Div Yld PE 1994 High Low Last Chg

12 Month High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	1994 High	Low	Last	Chg
120	110	IBM	2.00	4.0	15	120	110	115	+5
100	90	Microsoft	0.00	0	25	100	90	95	+5
80	70	Apple	0.00	0	20	80	70	75	+5
60	50	Oracle	0.00	0	15	60	50	55	+5
40	30	Sun	0.00	0	10	40	30	35	+5
20	10	Northern	0.00	0	5	20	10	15	+5
10	5	WorldCom	0.00	0	3	10	5	7	+2
5	2	Verizon	0.00	0	2	5	2	3	+1
2	1	AT&T	0.00	0	1	2	1	1.5	+0.5
1	0.5	Qwest	0.00	0	0.5	1	0.5	0.7	+0.2

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60	50	Oracle	0.00	0	15	60	50	55	+5
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# Baltica's Losses on Bonds Put Insurer in Deficit for 1994

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

**COPENHAGEN** — Baltica Forsikring AS, Denmark's largest insurer, reported a net loss Thursday of 199 million kroner (\$34 million) for 1994, reversing a 25 million kroner profit a year earlier.

The company, which usually reports its earnings later in the year, released a preliminary report because Den Danske Bank AS, Denmark's largest bank and Baltica's parent company, had released its 1994 results.

Baltica's bond investments

cost it 273 million kroner last year, in 1993, it recorded a 177 million kroner profit on the portfolio.

Den Danske Bank bought a controlling stake in the insurer late last year and has said it will sell Baltica by the end of August.

Den Danske will take over Danica AS, Baltica's life-insurance unit, as well as part of Baltica's general insurance business, before selling the rest.

Den Danske Bank reported a drop in 1994 net profit as lower loan losses failed to compensate

for a sharp decline in trading bank's securities and foreign-exchange units posted a combined loss of 224 million kroner. In 1993, those units had a profit of 3.8 billion kroner.

Shares in Den Danske rose 20 kroner to 331 kroner.

Bad-debt losses and provisions fell to 1.9 billion kroner from 2.8 billion kroner, but the

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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# Record Trading In Bond Market Worries Beijing

A Ministry of Finance official confirmed that 101 billion yuan of this year's paper, to be issued beginning Wednesday.

China's annual inflation rate peaked at 27.7 percent in October. (Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg)

## Tokyo Stocks: At Bottom?

turned into net sellers. Selling pressure will increase in the next few weeks as Japanese companies cash in some of their holdings to bolster their

able loans is drawing attention to the mountains of bad debt held by Japan's banks and other financial institutions.

now is like walking into a fully loaded mousetrap," said Mr. Hill of Warburg. "If you are lucky you might be able to steal the cheese."

# BOJ Tells Of Inaction In Scandal Over Banks

Finance Ministry, said the ministry's inspectors, at the request of the Tokyo government, helped local authorities investi-

**Very briefly:**

- **Malaysia** said it would explore building an assembly plant for its Proton automobile in Jakarta by 1997.
- **Victor Co. of Japan** said it planned to develop electronic publishing software with Quark Inc., a Denver-based company.

# Fairfax Joins U.S. Firms in Pay-TV Deal

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new proposal relies on a two-approach in which a laser is re-focused on two separate planes of data. The Toshiba-Time Warner technology

that might allow the disks to be widely adopted as a universal storage medium for computers and home-entertainment devices alike.

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12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
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100	100.00	100.00	AA	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
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107	107.00	107.00	AH	0.00	0.00	0.00	107	107.00	107.00	107.00	0.00
108	108.00	108.00	AI	0.00	0.00	0.00	108	108.00	108.00	108.00	0.00
109	109.00	109.00	AJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	109	109.00	109.00	109.00	0.00
110	110.00	110.00	AK	0.00	0.00	0.00	110	110.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
111	111.00	111.00	AL	0.00	0.00	0.00	111	111.00	111.00	111.00	0.00
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130	130.00	130.00	BF	0.00	0.00	0.00	130	130.00	130.00	130.00	0.00
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SPORTS

# San Antonio Tops Phoenix, But Can't Silence Barkley

**The Associated Press**  
Charles Barkley isn't easily impressed. After his team, the Phoenix Suns, was beaten Wednesday night by San Antonio, 105-100, Barkley said he didn't consider the Spurs a contender in the West.  
"It's a three-dog race and the Spurs aren't one of them," said Barkley, who missed 15 of 22 shots against San Antonio.  
"They cannot beat us in a seven-game series," he said. "We have a better team than they do. They played as good as they can tonight, and we did not play very good, and we still should have won."  
San Antonio's Sean Elliott disagreed.  
"You guys listen too much to Charles," said Elliott, who scored seven of his 19 points in the

The loss spoiled Derrick Coleman's return to the Nets' lineup. He had 14 points and 10 rebounds after missing six games with a chip fracture of his pelvis.

**Bucks 100, Bulls 92:** Todd Day scored 21 points and ignited a late 7-0 run by the Bucks. Day made a 3-pointer to give Milwaukee its first lead of the fourth quarter, 89-88, with 2:49 left. Day then stole the ball from Calbert Cheaney, and Marty Conlon hit a jumper to put the Bucks ahead 91-88.

Cheaney scored 22 points for the visiting Bulls, who have lost 11 of 12 games.

**Hornets 100, Kings 89:** In Charlotte, North Carolina, Alonzo Mourning had 29 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets. Muggsy Bogues and Larry Johnson each added 19 points for Charlotte, which used a 10-3 run to take a 72-58 lead late in the third quarter.

Walt Williams led Sacramento with 28 points.

**Jazz 118, Clippers 109:** Karl Malone scored 29 points and Utah, playing at home, used a 9-0 fourth-quarter run to beat Los Angeles.

After Pooh Richardson's jumper cut Utah's lead to 97-96 with 7:43 left in the fourth period, Malone and Adam Keese combined for all nine of Utah's points during the decisive run. Richardson and Loy Vaught led the Clippers with 21 points each.

**SuperSonics 120, Timberwolves 104:** In Tacoma, Washington, Kendall Gill scored 15 of his career-high 34 points in the third quarter, and Shawn Kemp had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Sonics.

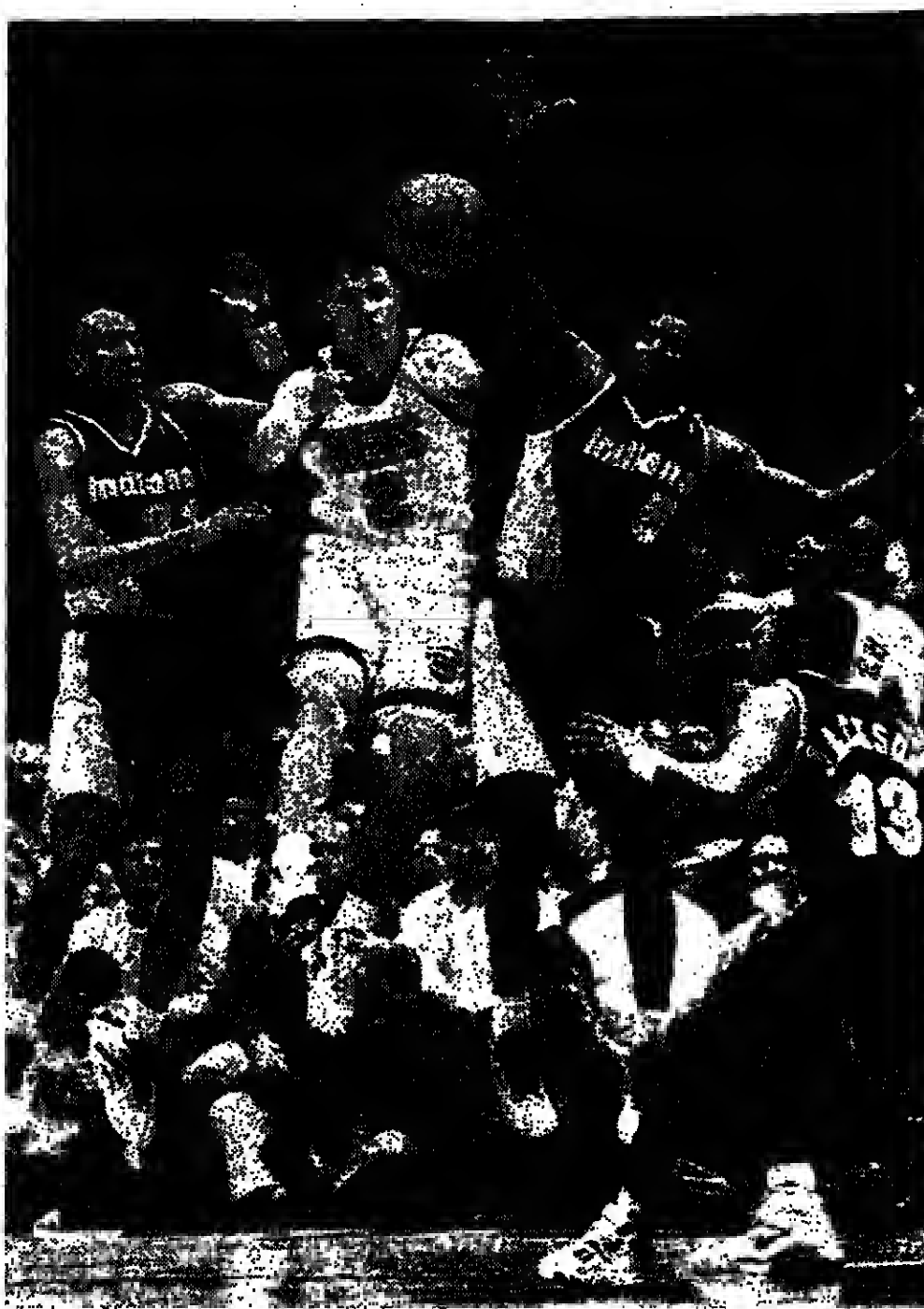
Seattle led by 35 points twice, including 104-69 after three quarters, en route to its 15th straight victory over the Timberwolves.

It was the 300th career victory for Seattle's coach, George Karl.

**Lakers 112, 76ers 100:** Anthony Peeler scored 21 points and Nick Van Exel 20 as the Lakers beat Philadelphia for the 11th straight time at home.

Willie Burton and reserve guard Jeff Gray each scored 21 points for the 76ers, who haven't won at the Forum since capturing the last two games of the NBA finals in 1983.

**Trail Blazers 107, Warriors 89:** In Oakland, California, Rod Strickland scored 35 points, including 12 in the third quarter to help break the game open for Portland.



Nets' guard Rex Walters heaves a pass between Reggie Miller, left, and Derrick McKey.

# Whalers Jubilant After Rare Victory Over Bruins, 3-2

**The Associated Press**  
Beating the Boston Bruins was enough to make the Hartford Whalers' goalie Sean Burke lose track of his 100th National Hockey League victory.

"I forgot about that," said Burke, who made 42 saves in Hartford's 3-2 overtime victory Wednesday night. "It's kind of ironic, because I got my first win against Boston. It's nice. I mean this is a team we've always — since I've been here and before that — had a little jinx against."

Darren Turcotte scored with 2:01 left in overtime to give

Craig Simpson put Buffalo ahead 3-2 when he poked a rebound past Tommy Soderstrom for his third goal in two games. Soderstrom made 28 saves and Dominik Hasek stopped 26 shots for Buffalo.

Pierre Turgeon and Scott LaChance scored power-play goals for visiting New York in the second period after Buffalo took a 2-0 lead on Wayne Presley's first-period goal and Doug Bodger's power-play goal early in the second.

**Blues 4, Sharks 3:** Greg Gilbert scored his second goal of the game with 1:24 remaining and Ian Laperriere had two goals and an assist as St. Louis, playing at home, improved to 12-1-0 lifetime against San Jose.

Patrice Tardif assisted on all four goals and Gilbert added an assist for St. Louis.

Pat Falloon ended Curtis Joseph's shutout bid at 8:09, and Tom Pedersen and Sandis Ozolinsh scored in the closing minutes to tie the game.

**Oilers 2, Stars 1:** In Edmonton, Alberta, Todd Marchant scored with 1:09 remaining and Mike Stapleton added a power-play goal with 36 seconds left.

Stapleton beat the Dallas goalie Andy Moog just 12 seconds after the Stars defenseman Grant Ledyard was sent off for boarding. The goal was Edmonton's first in 35 power-play opportunities.

Paul Broten opened the scoring with 1:54 left in the second period.

Bill Ranford made 36 saves for the Oilers, who ended a three-game losing streak.

**Jets 4, Canucks 1:** Darrin Shannon scored two goals as Winnipeg won at Vancouver in the first game of a three-game series between the teams since a fight-filled contest earlier this month.

Teemu Selanne, who had two assists for the Jets, was injured in the Feb. 9 game when he was checked by Mike Peca. This time it was the Jets who did most of the heavy hitting.

## NHL HIGHLIGHTS

Hartford's first home victory over Boston in five games since November 1992.

"We didn't play a great game tonight, but we got a win and that's the bottom line," said Burke, 100-122-33 in seven seasons with New Jersey and Hartford.

Geoff Sanderson and Chris Pronger also scored for Hartford, which was outshot 44-20 and failed to score on four power-play opportunities.

Cam Neely and Ted Donato scored for Boston.

**Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 1:** In Detroit, Shawn Burr and Dino Ciccarelli scored goals early in the second period as Detroit beat Toronto for the second time in three nights to increase its winning streak to four games.

Burr put the Red Wings ahead 47 seconds into the second when he put his own rebound past Damian Rhodes. Ciccarelli made it 3-1 at 4:25, diving to beat Jamie Macoun to Paul Coffey's centering pass.

Vyacheslav Kozlov scored in the first period and Greg Johnson added an empty-net goal for Detroit.

**Islanders 3, Sabres 2:** Brad Dalgarno scored with 11:30 remaining in the third period as New York rallied from a 2-0 deficit.

Visiting Kansas State got 18 points from Elliott Hatcher.

**No. 21 Purdue 64, Ohio State 55:** Cuzzo Martin continued his onslaught against Ohio State by scoring 17 points, and Matt Waddell hit two important late jumpers as Purdue moved within a half-game of Michigan State's Big Ten lead.

Ohio State's 5-19 record is its worst ever through 24 games. The Buckeyes' 1-13 mark in Big Ten play also is its worst through 14 games in its 82 years of conference play.

**Illinois 94, Minnesota 88:** Robert Bennett hit a free throw with six seconds remaining and followed it with a slam dunk in the final second for the Fighting Illini. Bennett finished with a career-high 24 points as Illinois scored its 16th straight victory over Minnesota at Assembly Hall.

With 20 seconds remaining in regulation and the score tied at 73, Minnesota's Voshon Lenard missed a free throw, and the game went into overtime. Lenard scored 24 points for the Gophers.

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## NBA HIGHLIGHTS

final two minutes before a season-high crowd of 34,215 at the Alamodome.

"I think it's good to be in our position. We might be able to surprise some people."

The Spurs, who trail first-place Utah by 2½ games in the Midwest Division, have won three in a row and 12 of 14.

"It was a struggle," said the Spurs' coach, Bob Hill. "We had a lot of problems, but we stood in there and showed a lot of courage."

David Robinson scored 34 points and Dennis Rodman grabbed 24 rebounds for the Spurs, who took their first lead of the second half on Elliott's lay-up and foul shot with 1:48 left.

"This team is getting a lot of confidence in those situations," Elliott said. "We believe we can go out there and finish teams off."

Phoenix has lost three of four after starting the month 5-1. The Suns, who lost to Boston on Tuesday night, have dropped two in a row for the first time this season, but still lead the Pacific Division by three games over Seattle.

"I'm very proud of our team," said the Phoenix coach, Paul Westphal. "Coming back from last night was tough, but we played sensational defense. We did all we can do, but they got all the breaks. We're not crying, but it is too bad we didn't win."

**Pacers 113, Nets 94:** In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Reggie Miller scored 27 points and Indiana shot 58 percent from the field to win its fourth consecutive game.

# Virginia Hammers Georgia Tech to Take ACC Lead

**The Associated Press**  
Coach Jeff Jones is not about to celebrate 11th-ranked Virginia's surprising lead in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"At the end of two weeks, after we conclude the regular season, if we are still on top of the ACC, I'll enjoy that immensely," Jones said Wednesday night after his Cavaliers moved a half-game in front of idle North Carolina by routing No. 24 Georgia Tech, 83-60.

The victory was Virginia's third straight over Georgia Tech since the Cavaliers stopped the Yellow Jackets' nine-game winning streak in the series.

"It wasn't just a matter of making shots and individual plays," Jones said. "We made some really good decisions. There's no way I would have dreamed this."

Any dream about the game by Jones' Georgia Tech counterpart, Bobby Cremins, would have been a nightmare.

"That was our worst performance of the year," he said after Tech lost for the third time in four games.

"We're all embarrassed," Cremins said. "I'm really disappointed that we didn't give Virginia a better game. We can make excuses, but there really are no excuses."

Harold Deane and Junior Burroughs

scored 19 points apiece, and Curtis Staples added 17 for the Cavaliers (19-6, 11-3 in the ACC). Deane and Staples had five 3-point baskets each as Virginia moved ahead of second-ranked North Carolina, which stands 10-3 in the ACC.

**James Forrest led Tech (16-10, 6-7)** with 17 points in his first start since breaking a bone in his left hand in an auto accident almost four weeks ago.

**No. 7 Maryland 84, North Carolina State 71:** Joe Smith had 20 points and 15 rebounds as the Terrapins continued their homecourt mastery of the Wolfpack. Duane Simpkins added 16 points for Maryland, which has won six straight against State at Cole Field House since January, 1989. Todd Fuller led N.C. State with 21 points.

**Maryland, 15-0 at home this season,** had five starters in double figures for the ninth time while giving Gary Williams his 100th victory as its coach.

**No. 8 Arkansas 92, LSU 90:** Scotty Thurman stole the ball and passed it to Clint McDaniel, who sank the winning basket just before the buzzer sounded as the Razorbacks made their record 8-0 against LSU since entering the Southeastern Conference in 1992.

**Corliss Williamson led Arkansas** with 29 points, and McDaniel added 17.

**Ronnie Henderson led LSU with 28**

points. Landers Nolley added 17 points for the Tigers, who have lost eight of their last nine games.

**No. 9 Villanova 78, Penn 74:** Eric Eberz scored 25 points, and Jason Lawson added 20 as Villanova held off a late rally. Penn's Matt Maloney hit a

3-pointer with 21 seconds to play, bringing the Quakers to 75-74. Maloney led Penn with 25 points.

**Penn's Jerome Allen missed a 25-foot 3-point attempt with 5 seconds to play,** and Villanova was able to preserve the victory with free throws in the final seconds by Eberz and Jonathan Haynes.

**No. 10 Wake Forest 64, Clemson 52:** Randolph Childress scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half, and Tim Duncan had 19 points and five blocks for the Demon Deacons, who won for the seventh time in eight games.

**Clemson got to 51-48, but made** only two of its last seven shots. Merl Code had 15 points for the Tigers, losers of four straight.

**Nebraska 78, No. 14 Missouri 75:** Tom Wald made two free throws with 17 seconds left, and Jaron Boone added a thunderous dunk 12 seconds later as the Cornhuskers rallied at Colum-

bia, Missouri. Erick Strickland had 27 points for Nebraska and Boone added 22.

**Missouri's Paul O'Liney missed two** free throws with 19 seconds left and the Tigers leading 75-74, then fouled Wald going for the rebound. O'Liney had 23 points.

**Sammy Haley, a sophomore hitting** career highs in points (24) and rebounds (12), had given the Tigers the lead with a free throw.

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# Team Chief Makes Plea For Cantona

MANCHESTER, England — Manchester United's chairman, Martin Edwards, appealed on Thursday to the English Football Association not to impose a further ban on the team's French star, Eric Cantona.

Cantona, already suspended for the remainder of the season by the Premier League champions United, is to appear before a football association disciplinary committee on Friday to answer charges after his clash with a Crystal Palace supporter at a match in London last month.

Edwards said: "I hope the severity of punishment Manchester United have imposed will be taken into consideration and, at best, that they will decide the punishment we have given is sufficient."

"I'd be disappointed if the FA banned him from playing football permanently in this country," Edwards said.

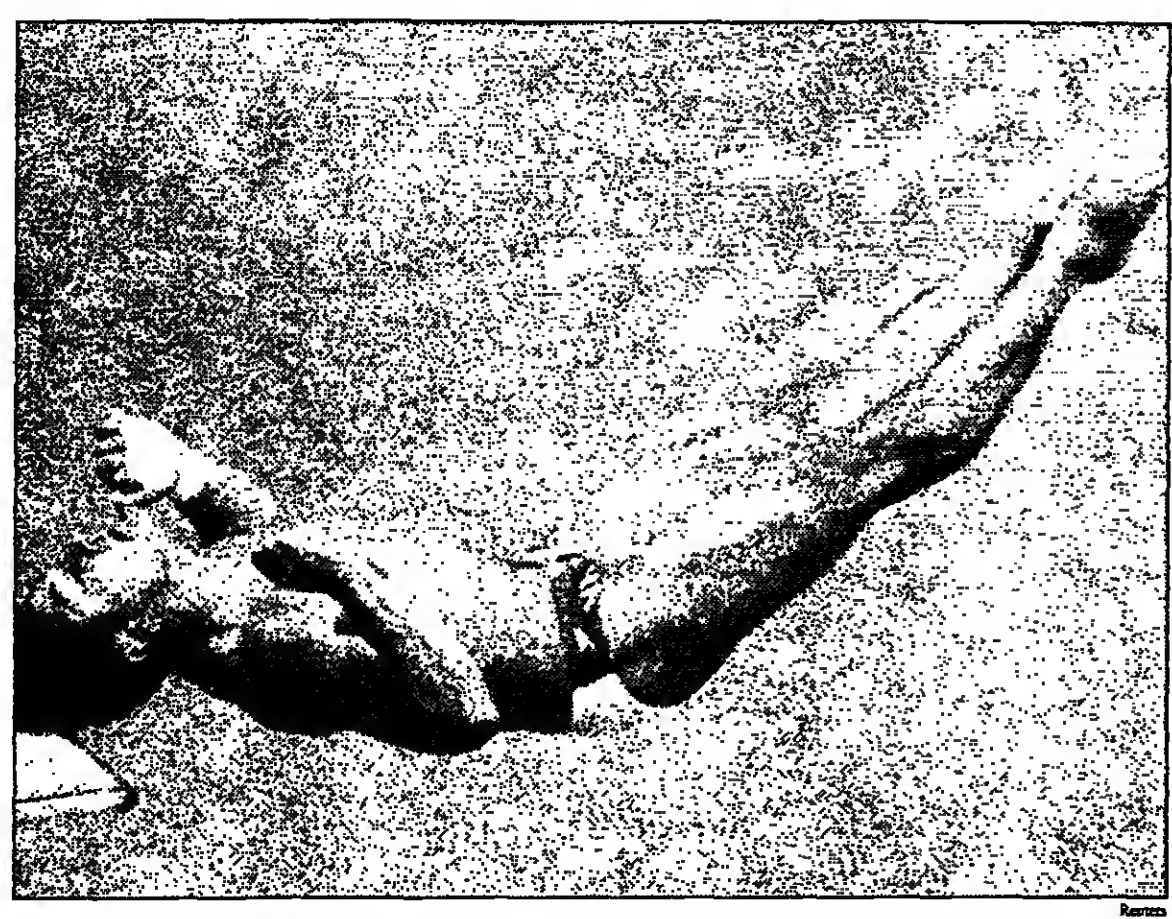
United's director and club attorney, Maurice Watkins, will represent Cantona before a three-man committee on Friday at St. Albans, north of London.

Edwards' comments followed remarks by the player's French lawyer, Jean Jacques Bertrand, that he feared Cantona could be handed a worldwide life ban.

In an interview published Thursday in the French sports daily L'Equipe, Bertrand said: "He faces exclusion, the extension of his ban to all federations. He could be banned from playing soccer for the rest of his life."

"My No. 1 objective is to find a solution. Eric will not resent an injustice. He accepted his club's sanctions, but if the FA's are too heavy, he won't be able to stand it."

Cantona, who was charged with common assault over the same incident by police on Tuesday, is scheduled to appear before a court in South London on March 23.



# How Will World Receive Diver's Sad News?

LONDON — Six months after realizing he was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, Greg Louganis was diving in the 1988 Olympic Games when the thumping, flapping springboard clipped his head in mid-air like a bat clipping a baseball. He crashed into the pool one story below, panicked and dumbfounded; 10 minutes later a doctor had put five stitches into his head and Louganis was back on the diving board, qualifying for the Olympic finals to be held the next day.

When AIDS is understood better, Louganis might be hailed as a Jackie Robinson for the disease. Sadly, Louganis might not live to hear it. For him to become such a hero, things are going to have to get worse before getting better. I worry that Louganis's revelation that he is suffering from AIDS may be read as further "evidence" that only homosexual men, intravenous-drug users and the occasional medical patient are at risk.

Driven by Magic Johnson, the National Basketball Association and other leagues have been working to educate their players of the threat, but there is little feeling that the climate has changed drastically in America. Less than two years ago The Washington Post asked Shaquille O'Neal about contracting HIV, and he said, "Studies show she has to be active. Like if she has the virus but she's not active, and you do it to her... it might not happen."

Those of us who came to the pool the following day saw something heroic, though none of us knew he really might die relatively soon. It was enough that Louganis was launching himself into his ballet, spinning and extending within reach of the board that might have paralyzed or killed him.

They claim, hush-hush, that Johnson is bisexual, and that he must have caught the disease from gay sex. One of the highest-paid athletes in America swore to me that Johnson was "sexually confused." He said his sources were absolutely certain. "You can't get AIDS from a woman," he concluded.

Of course he was right. On the other hand, understanding that the greatest players are business investments, the leagues can force random tests on each known drug-user in order to protect the player from himself. But how could that principle be applied to the bedroom?

# World Cup Season Ends for Wachter

VIENNA — Anita Wachter, Austria's top woman skier, will miss the rest of the World Cup season after undergoing surgery to repair torn ligaments in her left knee and ankle, the Austrian Press Agency said Thursday.

Wachter, 28, who had arthroscopic surgery on her left knee three years ago, was injured in a fall during practice Wednesday.

"Naturally, this is bitter now, when I was in such good form," APA quoted the 1993 World Cup champion as saying late Wednesday.

Wachter won the combined gold medal in the 1988 Olympics and was second in the 1992 Olympics. She has won 12 World Cup races in her 10-year career.

"If you want to quit right now, Greg, that's fine," said his coach, Ron O'Brien, as Louganis pressed his hand against his wound, trying futilely to hold in the blood. "You've had a wonderful career, you've done tremendous things. It's strictly up to you."

If Louganis had had cancer or a brain tumor or almost any other disease capable of taking his life, we would have glorified him for his immortal human spirit. But the coach was coaching on a deeper level than we knew. The doctor who stitched him up didn't know, either. The U.S. Olympic team didn't know. He was frightened not only of his secret but more so the threat that it might spread and infect others; and this was on top of his more obvious head injury, the threat of the chattering board, and the competition hoping he might unravel.

Professional athletes are our modern playboys—physically attractive and strong, charismatic, wealthy, traveling from city to city for public display. As playboys, they are also poster boys for this sexually-transmitted disease. How many are infected with HIV without realizing it? How many realize that they're at risk and don't want to know it? How many refuse to believe they're at risk at all?

On the whole, they are driven by the same morose, the same fears that forced Louganis to keep his terrible secret until this week.

# Gold Medalist Greg Louganis Says He Has AIDS

By Richard Sandomir  
New York Times Service

Greg Louganis, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic gold medal diver, who publicly acknowledged his homosexuality at last year's Gay Games in New York, said he has AIDS.

In an interview with ABC's "20/20" that will be broadcast Friday, Louganis said he knew he was HIV-positive before the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, and was greatly concerned when he hit his head on the board during a dive and shed blood in the pool.

Since the Seoul Games, enough time has passed for Louganis's infection to develop into AIDS, according to the definition established by the National Centers for Disease Control.

"According to the CDC, I have AIDS versus HIV," Louganis told Barbara Walters, the "20/20" interviewer. "I do have AIDS."

Louganis, 35, joins two other major athletes who said they had AIDS or were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Magic Johnson left the Los Angeles Lakers in 1991 after saying he was infected with HIV. Arthur Ashe, the tennis star, died two years ago of AIDS-related causes.

Louganis has written a book, "Breaking the Surface," which will be released next week, in which he discusses his career, including winning four Olympic gold medals, as well as his upbringing and his sexuality.

In the television interview, Louganis told Walters that six months before the 1988 Olympic

pics, he found out that a former companion of his was dying of AIDS. Louganis underwent testing and was found to be HIV-positive. He immediately began treatment with the drug AZT, taking powerful doses every four hours.

He said he went to Seoul fearing discovery of his condition.

"Dealing with HIV was really difficult for me because I felt like, God, the U.S. Olympic Committee needs to know this," he said.

"U.S. Diving needs to know it because what if I get sick at the Olympic Games and am unable to compete?"

Louganis said he was discouraged from telling the United States Olympic Committee about his condition by his doctor and his coach, Ron O'Brien.

On the reverse two-and-a-half pike, a qualifying dive in the springboard competition in which Louganis hit his head, he said: "I heard this hell hollow thud, and then I found myself in the water. I just held my head in hopes, I didn't know if I was cut or not. But I wanted to hold the blood in, or just not anybody touch it."

He said he was paralyzed with fear that there would be blood in the water, but he said he thought the blood would be diluted by the water.

A doctor stitched up Louganis's two-inch cut without wearing protective gloves. Louganis said he did not tell the doctor he was HIV-positive.

"I was so stunned," he said. "This had been an incredibly guarded secret. You could throw the entire competition into a state of alarm."

# Risk to Swimmers 'Minimal'

The Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES — Greg Louganis says he worried about spreading his AIDS virus to others during a bloody diving accident in the 1988 Games, but medical experts say it would be virtually impossible to do.

to-zero risk that any other athlete would contract HIV through swimming in the same pool that contained Greg's HIV-positive blood.

"It's laudable that he has that particular concern for the welfare of others, but very fortunately HIV is not transmitted that way," said Dr. Gary Coon, an internist with Pacific Oaks Medical Group. "Even if the pool was not chlorinated and somebody dove in after him, there would be a minimal-

Added Dr. Mark Katz, regional HIV-AIDS physician coordinator for Kaiser Permanente of Southern California: "Clearly there are several things that would make the chance of this causing transmission to be infinitesimal." In addition to the virus-killing potential of chlorine, Dr. Katz said that "intact skin or mucous membranes are totally effective barriers to the virus."

# SCOREBOARD

## NBA Standings

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	40	12	.769	—
New York	32	18	.640	4 1/2
Boston	21	29	.419	10 1/2
New Jersey	21	33	.389	20
Philadelphia	19	33	.363	20 1/2
Washington	13	39	.250	27 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	34	19	.642	—
Cleveland	32	20	.615	1 1/2
Indiana	31	28	.520	4 1/2
Chicago	24	37	.393	11 1/2
Atlanta	24	38	.382	12 1/2
Memphis	21	32	.396	13 1/2
Detroit	19	32	.373	14

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	38	13	.747	—
San Antonio	34	16	.680	2 1/2
Houston	32	19	.627	5
Denver	22	29	.432	15
Dallas	20	29	.408	16
Minnesota	13	40	.245	25

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	40	13	.755	—
Seattle	30	13	.706	3
L.A. Lakers	32	17	.654	5 1/2
Sacramento	20	22	.476	10 1/2
Portland	23	28	.449	11
Golden State	16	35	.314	22
L.A. Clippers	9	44	.170	29 1/2

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	31	25	.556	—
New York	19	27	.411	10 1/2
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## Top 25 College Results

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**ACROSS**

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9 Breakfast cereal pioneer  
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**DOWN**

1 Cuttlefish kin  
2 Bluefish  
3 Comeback

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19 Farmhand  
17 Rude  
18 Bring about  
19 Words with hole or two

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20 Very unpopular  
21 Actor Chaney  
22 Bad-mouth  
23 Scavenger hunt participant  
24 Marked  
25 Son of Adam  
26 Debutante, for one  
27 Part of Cousteau's world  
28 Candy  
29 Best fit  
30 Kind of radio program  
31 Brunel's island  
32 Intimate center  
33 Representation  
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35 Cobras  
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38 Kind of brain  
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41 With  
42 Go—  
43 Health club employee  
44 Force out  
45 Departures  
46 Brews  
47 Tie

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6 Alphabet trio  
7 Impetuous one  
8 Pinches  
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# HOCKEY

## NHL Standings

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Rangers	6	3	.667	—
New Jersey	6	3	.667	—

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Islanders	6	3	.667	—
Philadelphia	6	3	.667	—
Toronto	6	3	.667	—
Florida	6	3	.667	—
Washington	6	3	.667	—

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## *A Castle in New York*

Reed said the Castle's original owner was reputedly an English immigrant who made good in the architectural salvage business. Around 1880, he built a five-bedroom version of the medieval English manor where his father had worked as a gardener, complete with folk

Currently, she is camping out in a little room tucked into a corner of the first floor. "I'm very anxious to get out of here, as you can imagine," Reed said. The Castle is being resuscitated, but it is not being replicated. "Call it 'creative reinstatement,'" Koplowitz said. Reed nodded in assent, then wryly added, "In other words, I can't afford to restore it properly."

# Malcolm X Documentary Causes Uproar

"Brother Minister" does not come out and accuse Farrakhan of ordering the killing of Malcolm X. It does not have to. When Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's widow, was shown the segment on a television show a year ago, she said that "everybody talked about" Farrakhan's involvement in Malcolm X's death and that within the Nation of Islam his assassination was considered a "badge of honor." The tabloids picked



up her comments. The Nation of Islam filed a \$4.4 billion defamation suit against the New York Post. Then, the day after the film's January premiere in Minneapolis, in New York City, the FBI announced the indictment of Malcolm X's daughter, Qubilah Shabazz — who at the age of 4 saw her father gunned down — for hiring an assassin for a revenge hit on Farrakhan. The timing, even Baxter admits, was too perfect. The day of her indictment, he says, she went to see "Brother Minister." In the space of 24 hours, "Brother Minister" had gone from movie to news event to the stuff of conspiracy.

"The question is, just who is Jack Baxter? Where does he get his money? What is his portfolio?" asks Conrad Muhammad, spokesman for Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. "I saw 'Brother Minister' on Tuesday night, and Tuesday, Qubilah Shabazz was accused of threatening the life of the honorable Minister Farrakhan. It seems to me that there was a plan to premiere the movie in New York City, to draw a crowd, to get people upset, the next morning arrest Qubilah Shabazz, and that this would be enough to set off a schism in the black community. The timing was just too coincidental."

At first, Baxter thought that because he was white

The clip, Conrad Muhammad says, although accurate "in terms of the words," was wrenched out of context from a three-hour speech.

Baxter, for his part, says he repeatedly approached Farrakhan to have him tell his side of the story but was rebuffed.

**Ameka Rice is claiming a record for flying around the world on scheduled passenger flights, beating the previous mark by 23 minutes. London-to-London time: 43 hours and 43 minutes. Rice hosts a British TV program in which she takes on dares.**

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

	Today		Tomorrow	
	High	Low	High	Low
<b>Asia</b>				
Bangkok	34.8/24	24/75	34/80	24/75
Beijing	81.4/1	1/55	4/28	3/27
Hong Kong	74.8/21	21/68	18/26	24/31
Moscow	32/29	24/24	4/30	22/71
Osaka	76.2/22	22/69	23/27	11/25
Seoul	3/27	1/19	2/26	3/22
Singapore	31.2/22	22/69	23/27	11/25
Shanghai	29/24	24/75	29/24	24/75
Tokyo	75.2/21	21/68	20/28	14/27
Tripoli	16/25	16/25	16/25	14/27
Tybe	10/50	11/41	7/44	2/56
<b>Latin America</b>				
Buenos Aires	24/75	15/52	27/30	18/34
Bogota	74.2/21	21/68	33/34	27/62
Caracas	24/75	15/52	27/30	18/34
Lima	75.2/21	21/68	26/70	17/10
Managua	24/75	15/52	27/30	18/34
San Jose	24/75	15/52	27/30	18/34
San Salvador	24/75	15/52	27/30	18/34
<b>North America</b>				
Anchorage	4/22	-14/7	3/27	-12/11
Alaska	10/35	2/29	16/31	4/23
Chicago	9/44	4/23	1/21	-4/22
Denver	13/22	8/18	7/44	-1/31
Dallas	27/10	4/23	16/54	5/26
El Paso	14/27	10/11	14/27	10/11
Honolulu	27/80	27/80	28/82	27/80
Los Angeles	24/70	18/61	23/27	11/52
Memphis	24/70	18/61	23/27	11/52
Miami	24/70	18/61	23/27	11/52
Minneapolis	2/29	0/19	3/27	0/19
New York	24/70	18/61	23/27	11/52
Portland	14/27	10/11	14/27	10/11
San Francisco	24/70	18/61	23/27	11/52
Seattle	14/27	10/11	14/27	10/11
Washington	24/70	18/61	23/27	11/52
Yakima	14/27	10/11	14/27	10/11

Resort	Depth L	U Miles	Res. Status	Snow Last Snow	Comments
<b>Andorra</b>					
Par de la Casa	55	75	Good	Open	Pwdt 22/2
Soldeu	35	85	Good	Open	Var 22/2
<b>Austria</b>					
Kitzbühel	90	210	Good	Open	Pktd 18/2
Gurgl	55	130	Good	Open	Pktd 18/2
Saibach	30	138	Good	Open	Pktd 22/2
St. Anton	80	380	Good	Open	Var 18/2
<b>France</b>					
Alpe d'Huez	150	360	Good	Open	Var 21/2
Les Arcs	135	435	Good	Open	Pktd 21/2
Chamonix	75	580	Good	Open	Var 21/2
Courchevel	145	280	Good	Open	Pktd 22/2
Les Deux Alpes	350	360	Good	Open	Var 21/2
Val d'Isère	60	250	Good	Open	Var 21/2
Méribel	70	725	Good	Open	Var 18/2
La Plagne	175	245	Good	Open	Var 21/2
Serre Chevalier	120	120	Good	Open	Var 18/2
Tignes	185	260	Good	Open	Pktd 21/2
Val d'Ardèche	145	340	Good	Open	Var 21/2
Val Thorens	160	310	Good	Open	Var 21/2
<b>Germany</b>					
Oberstdorf	5	240	Fair	Some	Var 18/2
Oberstdorf	5	160	Fair	Some	Pktd 23/2
<b>Italy</b>					
Bormio	30	110	Fair	Open	Pktd 18/2
Cortina	80	250	Good	Open	Var 18/2

Report	Draft	Mts.	Res.	Score	Last	Comments
	U	U	U	U	U	
	Plates	Plates	Plates	Plates	Plates	
<b>Norway</b>						
<b>Gallo</b>	120 120	Good	Open	Pctd	22/2	All 18 mts open, excellent skiing
<b>Spain</b>						
<b>Baqueta Boret</b>	80 110	Good	Open	Var	22/2	All lifts and pistes open
<b>Switzerland</b>						
<b>Arosa</b>	85 115	Good	Open	Var	18/2	All 16 lifts, pistes in good shape
<b>Crans Montana</b>	130 283	Good	Open	Var	21/2	All 143 lifts, good above 2000m
<b>Davos</b>	90 180	Good	Open	Pctd	18/2	All 36 lifts, most pistes excellent
<b>Grindelwald</b>	20 150	Good	Open	Pctd	21/2	All lifts, good skiing on upper runs
<b>Klosters</b>	52 170	Good	Open	Var	18/2	All 28 lifts, good but hard pistes
<b>St. Moritz</b>	80 110	Good	Open	Var	18/2	29/60 lifts open, some ice
<b>Villars</b>	75 255	Good	Open	Var	21/2	All 23 lifts open, lovely piste skiing
<b>Wengen</b>	25 140	Good	Open	Pctd	18/2	All lifts open, odd warm pistes
<b>Zermatt</b>	75 310	Good	Open	Pctd	18/2	72/73 lifts open, excellent skiing
<b>U.S.</b>						
<b>Aspen</b>	160 170	Good	Open	Pctd	16/2	All 8 lifts open
<b>Memmoth</b>	265 526	Good	Open	Pctd	15/2	All 30 lifts open
<b>Park City</b>	220 546	Good	Open	Pctd	19/2	All 14 lifts open
<b>Steamboat</b>	140 150	Good	Open	Pctd	19/2	All 20 lifts open
<b>Telluride</b>	130 165	Good	Open	Pctd	16/2	All 10 lifts open
<b>Vail</b>	155 165	Good	Open	Pctd	16/2	All 25 lifts open
<b>Canada</b>						
<b>Whistler</b>	100 275	Good	Open	Var	21/2	All 28 lifts, hard packed upper runs

Key: L,U,Depth in cm on lower and upper slopes, Mts, Pistes:Mountainside pistes, Res, Pistes:Runs leading to resort village, Art,Artificial snow.  
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